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House will release its evidence—Staffler

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REPORTER

Staffler

The House of Representatives will release to the public the documentation that supports each Article of Impeachment against Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, according to Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan) last week.

Speaking at the public comments portion during the Senate's impeachment trial of Torres last Monday, Staffler said they will release the documentation despite the Senate's efforts to block the evidence collected and presented by the House Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee over the course of last year.

"To the public, you will be able to see it for yourself,"

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NMI's newest airline to take to the skies in July

The CNMI's newest airline will take to the skies in July. The as-yet-unnamed airline, a joint venture between Saipan's MP Enterprises and America's largest commuter airline, Southern Airways Express, is intended to "revolutionize" interisland travel within the CNMI, according to Keith Stewart, president of MP Enterprises.

"We will launch service with multiple aircraft based [on] Saipan and [in] Guam, and we are planning for a total of seven aircraft over the next three years to meet the growing demand," said Stewart.

Services will commence in July. The company will announce the airline name, schedules, fares, and open ticket sales in the coming weeks once U.S. Department of Transportation's approval of the local trade name has been received.

According to Stewart, the initial offering will include over 90 weekly flights serving Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam.

"Importantly, as the schedule expands the airline will offer same-day connectivity to Saipan with United's Honolulu-Guam flight, avoiding an unnecessary overnight stay in Guam and, through South-

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NMC hands out 304 degrees, certificates to Class of 2022

Northern Marianas College conferred 304 degrees and certificates to graduating students at the 41st Commencement Ceremony held last Friday, May 20, 2022, at the Koblerville Gymnasium. NMC

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CORRESPONDENT

Northern Marianas College conferred 304 college degrees and certificates in various degrees during its 41st Commencement Ceremony last Friday at a fully packed Koblerville Gymnasium, in an occasion that also saw the college honoring 16 who graduated with summa cum laude honors.

The 16, who garnered the highest grade point average in the Class of 2022, were presented with the Academic Achievement Award. They were Audrey Jan Samson Afable, Thomas Dela Cruz Benavente, Mary Angeline Bautista Danga, Marijean Frank Fernandez, Mia Le'alani E.

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IN RESPONSE TO TORRES' MOTION TO DISQUALIFY

OAG: Torres personally is not a current or former client

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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General argues that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' motion to disqualify the OAG should be denied because Torres is not and has never been a client of the OAG in his personal capacity, therefore there is no grounds for disqualification.

According to a 26-page opposition filed by OAG chief solicitor Robert Glass, Torres lacks standing to move for the disqualification of the OAG as he, personally, is not a current or former client.

"In order to make a motion to disqualify, the party making the assertion must have standing. Former and current clients have standing to bring a motion; non-clients do not. Here, [Torres] is alleged to have

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Court accepts amended charges vs man in New Year's Day stabbing

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REPORTER

The Superior Court has accepted the Office of the Attorney General's proposed amended charges against a man accused of being involved in this year's New Year's Day stabbing.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho accepted last Friday the OAG's amended charges against Kong Ling Yang, who allegedly stabbed dead Li SongZhi on New Year's Day.

Kong, who was initially charged with second degree murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery, is now charged with just one count of manslaughter.

The difference between murder, at any degree, and manslaughter is the sentence. A person convicted of murder can be sentenced up to a lifetime in prison while manslaughter is not more than 10 years. In addition, murder is defined as the crime of killing an individual with malice while manslaughter is the crime of killing of an individual without malice.

Kong's girlfriend Yi Lyuqin, remains charged with accessory after the fact.

According to assistant attorney general Steven Kessell in his motion for leave to amend, after filing the initial information against Kong with the court, he and Kong's counsel, Vina Seelam, entered into a settlement negotiation which resulted in the filing of a notice of plea agreement on May 17.

However, in anticipation of the defendant pleading guilty to manslaughter, Kessell said an amended information needs to be filed so the charging information document is consistent with the plea agreement. Kessell explained to the court that allowing the prosecution to amend the information would merely change a charge and the defendant would not suffer prejudice.

"The Commonwealth has previously provided the defendant with full discovery and disclosure regarding the offense as required by Commonwealth law," he stated.

According to court documents, Kong stabbed Li multiple times following an altercation between the two that stemmed from an altercation between their girlfriends.

Li suffered multiple injuries to his upper body with lacerations on his head, neck, and upper torso and puncture wounds to his chest and left ribcage.

In a statement from Kong at the scene, he stated that he had been drinking with Li when

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7 Saipan students to join native youth leadership congress

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Inafa'maolek Youth Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress Delegates, from left, top row: Melady Manahane, Angelica Mario, Juneya Quitano, and Kina Rangamar. Bottom row: Richard Lacson, D'anahlei Rodriguez, and Jude Litulumar.

Seven students in the CNMI, ranging in age from 16 to 17, have been accepted into the Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress and will be joining the NYCALC as Saipan's very own Inafa'maolek Youth Ambassadors, alongside their mentors and advisers, Eva Aguon Cruz, Jessielyn Quitano, and Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan).

The mission of the NYCALC is to develop future conservation leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to address environmental change and conservation challenges to better serve their schools and communities. It is hosted annually in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, and New Mexico Wildlife Federation.

All seven students are juniors from the CNMI Public School System and were selected last April 5th, 2022. Angelica Mario (Kagman High School), D'anahlei Rodriguez (Kagman High School), Juneya Quitano (KHS), Melady Manahane (KHS), Kina Rangamar (Marianas High School), Jude Litulumar (KHS), and Richard Lacson (KHS) will represent the CNMI at this national event, joining other indigenous groups from across the country for a weeklong program based in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. Together, they will focus on becoming effective conservation leaders in addressing environmental challenges that are occurring within their own home communities.

The youth delegation has been meeting regularly with their mentors since April, planning not only for the big trip in July, but also for a food security project they will implement locally as an output of being a part of the event.

"Being able to participate in NYCALC is such an amazing opportunity and I'm blessed with the greatest team," said Rangamar. "Implementing and advocating food sustainability within our community is a big step in catering to our environment. We're so excited to be able to represent the CNMI and bring this project to life."

Manahane adds: "We come from an island where farming and fishing is a source of survival. I believe that it is imperative we learn new ways to improve these practices."

The youth ambassadors will undergo intensive preparation to enhance their representation of the CNMI through Inafa'maolek Youth curriculum, which will explore themes of the complex local history, the unique cultural traditions and values of the people of Northern Marianas descent, and offer workshops to create gifts and attire for cultural exchanges that will take place at the NYCALC. "This is great occasion for our youth to share our story at a national level, where other native youth can learn about us and these beautiful islands in the remote Pacific we call home," said Cruz.

The group is set to depart Saipan on June 24, 2022, and arrive in Washington, D.C. on June 25. They will then participate in various team-building activities such as habitat restoration service-learning projects, outdoor environmental workshops, interactive scavenger hunts and career fairs, and cultural one-on-one interactions. Afterward, the delegation will have a day tour in the nation's capital, and then proceed on a three-day visit to Hawaii to learn more about the island's systems of sustainability.

"This would be my first time traveling outside of the CNMI, so I'm very excited for the diversity and new experiences that come with being in this program," said Mario.

This early, Jude Lituluamar is already thrilled. "I feel incredibly grateful to be given an opportunity that brings personal growth while also uplifting and guiding others in the process. It is especially important [in] these times to act and understand that every little thing leads to a huge difference in our environment and our lives."

As the seven prepare for departure and develop their sustainability project, they constantly remind each other of their ultimate goal and responsibility as CNMI repre-

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/s/ Anita Camacho
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Pregnant inmate gives birth; OK'd to use breast pump if…

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REPORTER

A pregnant inmate who previously asked for but was denied compassionate release from the Department of Corrections has given birth in prison and is now asking the U.S. District Court for the NMI to grant her the privilege of using a breast pump.

Vickilyn Ramonica Manglona Teregeyo, who is serving three months in prison for violating her parole release conditions, gave birth last week and has asked the court to allow her to use a breast pump.

During an in-chambers video teleconference last Thursday with representatives of the U.S. Marshals, U.S. Probation Office, and the U.S. Attorneys' Office, as well as Teregeyo's lawyer, Richard Miller, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona granted the Teregeyo s request to use a breast pump so long as she consents to urinalysis drug testing and does not test positive.

"To ensure the safety of her baby…this privilege is conditioned on…Teregeyo submitting to random urinalysis drug testing and not testing positive, including presumptive positive, for any unauthorized controlled substances. The court authorizes the United States Probation Office to conduct random urinalysis drug testing on Teregeyo no more than eight times per month for this purpose. Any positive result or attempt to obstruct, delay, or tamper with the testing methods will result in the revocation of Teregeyo's privilege to possess and use a breast pump while in DOC," the judge stated.

According to Miller, his client consents to this condition if the court authorizes her to possess and use a breast pump while in the custody of DOC to supply breast milk for her newborn.

Last March 25, the court revoked Teregeyo's term of supervised release and sentenced her to three months of imprisonment with the recommendation that it be served on Saipan, followed by 27 months of supervised release.

The court received an inquiry on May 18, about Teregeyo's potential use of a breast pump in DOC to supply milk for her newborn, and in light of her history of substance abuse, if substance abuse testing would be possible while she is in DOC.

After a discussion with the U.S. Marshals Service, the U.S. Marshals confirmed with DOC that DOC would permit Teregeyo to possess and use a breast pump if the U.S. Marshals permitted it and the court ordered it.

Back in April, Teregeyo's counsel asked the court for compassionate release for his client, stating that there is no nursery or mother-infant program at DOC.

"Without compassionate release, she will be separated from her newborn almost immediately after she gives birth, and mother and newborn will have no contact during the first several weeks of the newborn's life," Miller said.

However, Manglona stated in a previous court order that she is unpersuaded by Teregeyo's argument on the need to bond with the baby, given her history of testing positive for methamphetamine while pregnant and even after giving birth.

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Fleming, Edriel Acuin Javier, Nicole Yeeun Kim, Laverne Dela Cruz Masangcay, Nicole Ira Mauricio Mascarinas, Glen John Macalanda Matalog, Timothy Mones Retirado, Patricia Joy Santos San Nicolas, Shella Kliu Flores Sibetang, Jude Russell Montoya Tengco, Kiana Joyce Baroy Valencia, and Roger Alegre Valencia.

In addition, 51 graduates received magna cum laude honors and 65 graduates received cum laude honors.

The commencement ceremony also honored 12 graduates of Cohort 13 from May 2020 and nine graduates of Cohort 14 from December 2021, who have earned their Master of Education-International Teaching Concentration from Framingham State University.

This year's keynote speaker was Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan), while the student who gave this year's Student Commencement Address was Sheila Aliven.

Two graduates received the Excellence in Service Award for exemplifying servant leadership within the college community and beyond: Eloise Lopez, who graduated with an associate of science degree in Natural Resource Management, and Alyssa Pangelinan Attao, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Education, Rehabilitation and Human Services Concentration.

Two graduates received the Excellence in Leadership Award for exhibiting outstanding leadership and contributions at NMC and in the community. For the associate degree recipient, the honoree was Gerald King Crisostomo Jr., who graduated with an associate of applied science in Business Administration, Business Management Emphasis. The bachelor's degree recipient was Jamerie Esguerra Paras, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Business Management.

Among the officials present at the ceremony were Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, NMC president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Ed.D., Board of Regents chair Charles Cepeda and other members of the Board of Regents, and NMC president emerita and founding president Agnes McPhetres.

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said the lawmaker, without mentioning any specific date.

Staffler is running for lieutenant governor in the coming Nov. 8 general election under the Democratic Party. She is the running mate of Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan).

Last Wednesday, with four "no" votes and three "yes" votes, the Republican-controlled Senate acquitted Torres of all charges in the Articles of Impeachment brought by the Democrats-controlled House.

Staffler said her colleagues in the House have been diligent in their efforts to guard the CNMI purse from abuses and overspending. She noted that Article 2 of the Article of Impeachment explored four counts of theft.

The lawmaker said if they had been given the opportunity, they would have presented the evidence the JGO collected to show how Torres used his position to deprive the CNMI of its resources for his personal and political gain.

"From questionable reimbursements, to having his staff coordinate so-called official travel that just to happened to coincide with political gatherings," she said.

Staffler said Article 2 illustrates the methods in which Torres committed theft—by creating a false impression as to the "public purpose" and true intentions of his official travel and reimbursements.

"To support these assertions, what you would find, is the lack of follow-through on accountability practices that helped facilitate these abuses of power," she said.

The lawmaker said proving a public purpose requires documentation to show that travel was conducted for a true reason. She said what is not found in the hundreds of pages of the governor's travel are trip reports. Staffler said this is one documentation practice that would have provided the public purpose of travel.

"If there are no trip reports, one can only speculate," she said.

The lawmaker said provided with additional pieces of the puzzle, such as Facebook posts of political gatherings that happen to be during the same timeframe as the government travel, there is not much else to show for what the reasons were for the governor to leave Saipan in the first place.

As an example, Staffler cited the impeachment trial last May 13 (which she described as a farce), which tried to link the public purpose of one of the trips to Oregon and Alaska referenced in Article 2.

She said Glenna Palacios, the former senior policy adviser to the Office of the Governor, claimed in her testimony that the trip was to attend the memorial service for Bishop Thomas Camacho and to meet with Western regional director of the Office of Economic Adjustment Gary Kuwabara.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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sentatives: to gain as much knowledge and skills from this experience and bring it back home to build better systems for the Commonwealth's overall welfare.

Inafa'maolek Youth is a youth heritage and empowerment program sheltered under the non-profit organization, Manhita Marianas, and the NYCALC youth delegation is supported in partnership with the Office of Rep. Sheila Babauta, who chairs the Committee on Natural Resources. If you would like to support this cause and/or for more information about Inafa'maolek Youth or this specific event, contact Cruz at (671) 484-0111, or email inafamaolekyouth@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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violated Commonwealth laws. Notably, while the color of office is an element, the crime is not alleged against Gov. Torres. To establish standing to even bring this motion, defendant would need to show that he personally is a current or former client of the Office of the Attorney General," he said.

In this case, Glass said, Torres has failed to establish or show that the attorney general or any assistant attorney general has represented him in his individual capacity.

"Defendant's allegations in his motion all revolve around the issue that the attorney general represents Gov. Torres in his official capacity. As such, Ralph Torres in his individual capacity as a criminal defendant is not a current or former client, and therefore lacks standing to bring this motion," he said.

In addition, Glass said Torres has not made any showing that would require disqualification of the entire Office of the Attorney General as appropriate walls have been set up to ensure proper screening and representation in compliance with the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

"In this case, the attorney general notified Gov. Torres that neither he, nor his assistant attorneys general would represent the governor in the pending House investigation, possible impeachment, or possible Senate trial proceedings, allowing Gov. Torres to seek private counsel because there was a possibility of an investigation and prosecution. Defendant then retained his own counsel for the other proceedings to which the attorney general authorized independent counsel. The actions taken by the attorney general in ensuring walls/screens and independent representation 'comports with the spirit and purpose of the MRPC,'" he said.

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ern Airways' interline agreement with United Airlines, providing the ability to make a seamless reservation from Tinian, Rota, or Saipan to anywhere in the United network," said Stewart.

"We are delighted to have partnered with Southern Airways to establish the CNMI's newest airline," said Stewart. "As one of the largest regional airlines in America, Southern offers scale, experience, and a solid reputation, ensuring the long-term viability and stability of this important new inter-island service."

Stan Little, chairman and CEO of Southern Airways, said, "Southern is very excited to partner with MP Enterprises. With our more than 240 peak-day departures across six time zones, we have worked very hard to establish ourselves as a respected presence in the airline community. Expanding our footprint to include the CNMI and Guam further cements Southern's place among the world's leading airlines."

Little said that Southern is excited to partner with MP Enterprises because of its reputation, trust, and desire to make a positive impact upon the CNMI islands. "These attributes align with Southern's core values and vision," said Little.

According to Little, Southern completed over 99.3% of its more than 64,000 scheduled flights in 2021 and led all commuter airlines in on-time performance.

Southern Airways will act as the air service operator focusing on safety, flight and ground operations, ticketing, and maintenance. MP Enterprises will contribute market knowledge, media, governmental relations, route development, and community outreach to the joint company.

Local ownership ensures that decisions affecting the CNMI are made with local input and considerations, said both Stewart and Little.

The airline will operate brand-new twin-engine Tecnam P2012 Traveler aircraft. The Tecnam P2012 Traveler is known as the world's most advanced twin-engine turbocharged piston aircraft. Manufacturing aircraft for more than 70 years, Tecnam has developed the P2012 Traveler to meet the challenges of daily scheduled airline operations. The nine-seat aircraft features generous luggage allowances to complement its sleek and modern interior design, which includes LED reading lights, overhead air conditioning controls, and ergonomic seats with a USB port, armrest, and cup holder for each passenger.

Stewart said the journey to establish a new air service began two years ago when MP Enterprises sought ways to reinvigorate the CNMI economy. The team looked to identify industries that would enable the CNMI to become sustainable and remain so when disasters or economic changes outside of its control occur.

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Li's girlfriend started "talking bad" to Kong's girlfriend, which led to the physical altercation between the two men.

Kong told police at the scene that, during the fight, Li's girlfriend got hit as she attempted to intervene, prompting Kong to pick up an object from the ground and begin stabbing Li. When asked about the type of object he used to stab Li, Kong said he could not recall.

However, in a follow up interview with Kong at around 6:40pm on Jan. 1, he said he got angry when Li was assaulting him, causing him to reach for the pocket knife in his right back pocket. He claims he decided to stop after two stabs after seeing Li's shirt soaked in blood.

Chen and Ada lead SHSS Class of 2022 graduation

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A total of 151 graduates were conferred their high school diplomas at Southern High School's campus last Thursday, with Jia Li Chen named the class valedictorian and Juan Isaiah Jose Deleon Guerrero Ada the salutatorian.

JIA LI CHEN
Valedictorian

For the awardees, the recipient of the Governor's Leadership Award and the Board of Education award was Chen. The Commissioner of Education Award went to Ada.

The recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Award was Alyssa Jean Alegre, who was also the eighth in the graduating class' Top 10.

The recipient of the Principal's Award was Fran'ko Antwan Pangelinan Deleon Guerrero.

LEIGH GASES

The Top Ten Class of 2022 Southern High School graduates, from right to left, Jia Li Chen, Juan Isaiah Jose Deleon Guerrero Ada, Anna Pan, Diana Cao, Marie Ann Hembra, (Marianne Kate Kapileo, who wasn't present during the graduation), Journey Te'i Mafnas, Alyssa Jean Alegre, Claire Elisa Barrozo, and Pauline Shane Viray.

The Top Ten awardees from first to 10th were Chen, Ada, Anna Pan, Diana Cao, Marie Ann Hembra, Marianne Kate Kapileo (who wasn't present during the graduation), Journey Te'i Mafnas, Alegre, Claire Elisa Barrozo, and Pauline Shane Viray.

JUAN ISAIAH JOSE DELEON GUERRERO ADA
Salutatorian

Keynote speaker Donovan Tudela, who was the Class of 2022 adviser and has been with the graduating class since their freshman year in 2018, gave an emotional and heartfelt keynote speech, where he could be heard choking up while holding back tears.

Education commissioner Dr. Alfred Ada finally did what he said he has always wanted to do, which was to chant "Manta, manta, manta!" He received a thunderous "Ray!" each time from the graduates, together with applause and cheers.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COURIER SERVICE

CPA-RFP-005-22

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals from service providers to provide mail/courier services for the CPA.

Proposals must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands no later than **4:30 PM, MONDAY, MAY 31, 2022**. Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. One original and three copies of each proposal shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked as 'Confidential' and each envelope must include the RFP number on the outside. It is the sole responsibility of a proposer to submit its proposal or proposals in a timely manner.

A Proposal Package consisting of the Scope of Work and further details is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning May 02, 2022. There is no charge for the proposal package.

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Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals shall be submitted in writing and may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to chris.tenorio@cnmiports.com with copy to atudela@cnmiports.com. Deadline for questions and inquiries is 2:00 p.m. May 23, 2022.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CASH DEPOSITORY SERVICES

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Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (RFP), and other contract provisions, for proposals from service providers to provide cash depository services for the CPA.

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Manibusan: Avoid deceptive solicitation scams

Attorney General Edward Manibusan is warning CNMI consumers and small business owners against companies posing as government agencies sending out deceptive solicitation letters targeting newly registered business owners, demanding for payment of documents that are either free or available for a lower price from the legitimate state and federal agencies.

Manibusan advises businesses to take caution before sending any money to any company that demands payment for paperwork through mail. He reminds consumers the importance of verifying the validity of such letters and their businesses.

The Washington State Attorney General's Office filed consumer protection lawsuits against two companies, CA Certificate Service, LLC and Labor Poster Compliance LLC, and their owners, for sending more than 210,000 deceptive letters to small businesses that appear to originate from the government and demand payment for a "Certificate of Status" or a workplace poster that are actually available from the government free of charge or a fraction of the monetary demand. These letters unlawfully duped small business owners into making unnecessary payments to these fraudulent companies.

How these scams work

Shortly after registering for a new business, the fraudulent company would mail a letter to the new business owner. The letter and envelope would imitate official government mail and create a false sense of urgency that the business owner is pressured into completing a form included in the letter as well as submitting monetary payment.

If you find that you've received a suspicious letter, remain vigilant by researching and verifying the letter to ensure that you will not fall victim to this scam. This scam focuses on the vulnerability of new business owners and capitalizes on the fear of not completing said fraudulent forms and payments.

Remember

Always take extra precaution when responding to mail, and verify the source of any letter, especially those soliciting monetary payment. The Office of the Attorney General urges the public to report the receipt of a deceptive solicitation letter to the Office of the Consumer Counsel.

Complaint forms may be obtained at www.cnmioag.org under the Consumer Protection section or in person at the Civil Division on Capital Hill from 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, or via email by sending a request to consumer_counsel@cnmioag.org. Complaints may be hand delivered to the Civil Division on Capital Hill or submitted via email. ***(OAG)***

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Water service interruptions on May 25 and 26

There will be scheduled water service interruptions on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, May 25, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm
- Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 8:30am to 4:30pm

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in China Town, Upper MIHA, and Sugar King Estate will be affected.

This is intended to allow CUC's contractor for the China Town Waterline Replacement Project to cut and cap the old ACP waterlines on Sugar King Road and Komiti Avenue. Water service to the affected areas will resume soon after the elimination.

This project is part of the China Town Waterline Replacement Project to provide a more reliable water system to the people of the CNMI. It is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ***(PR)***

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COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on May 31, 2022 at 9am to 1pm at the Taga Room, Aqua Resort Club Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Review & Adoption of Agenda of May 31, 2022
IV. Review & Adoption of Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2022
V. Action Items
  A. Review & Approve Proposed Amendments of CDD's 2022-2026 State Plan Goals & Objectives
VI. New Business
  A. Council Member Orientation
VII. Miscellaneous
VIII. Next Meeting
  June 7, 2022
  Time: 9am to 1pm
  Venue: To be determined (TBD)
IX. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Robert Mendiola
Chairperson

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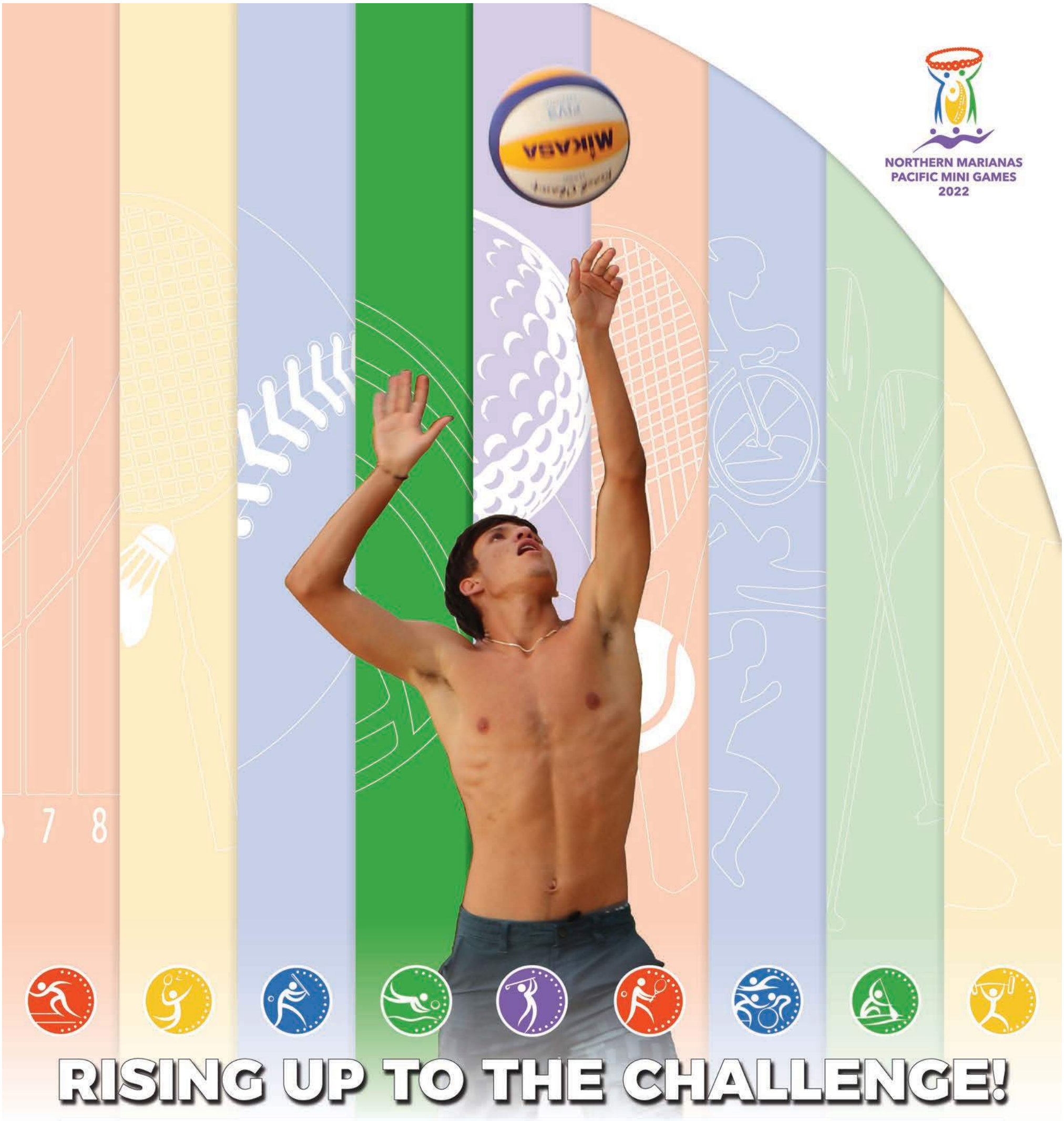

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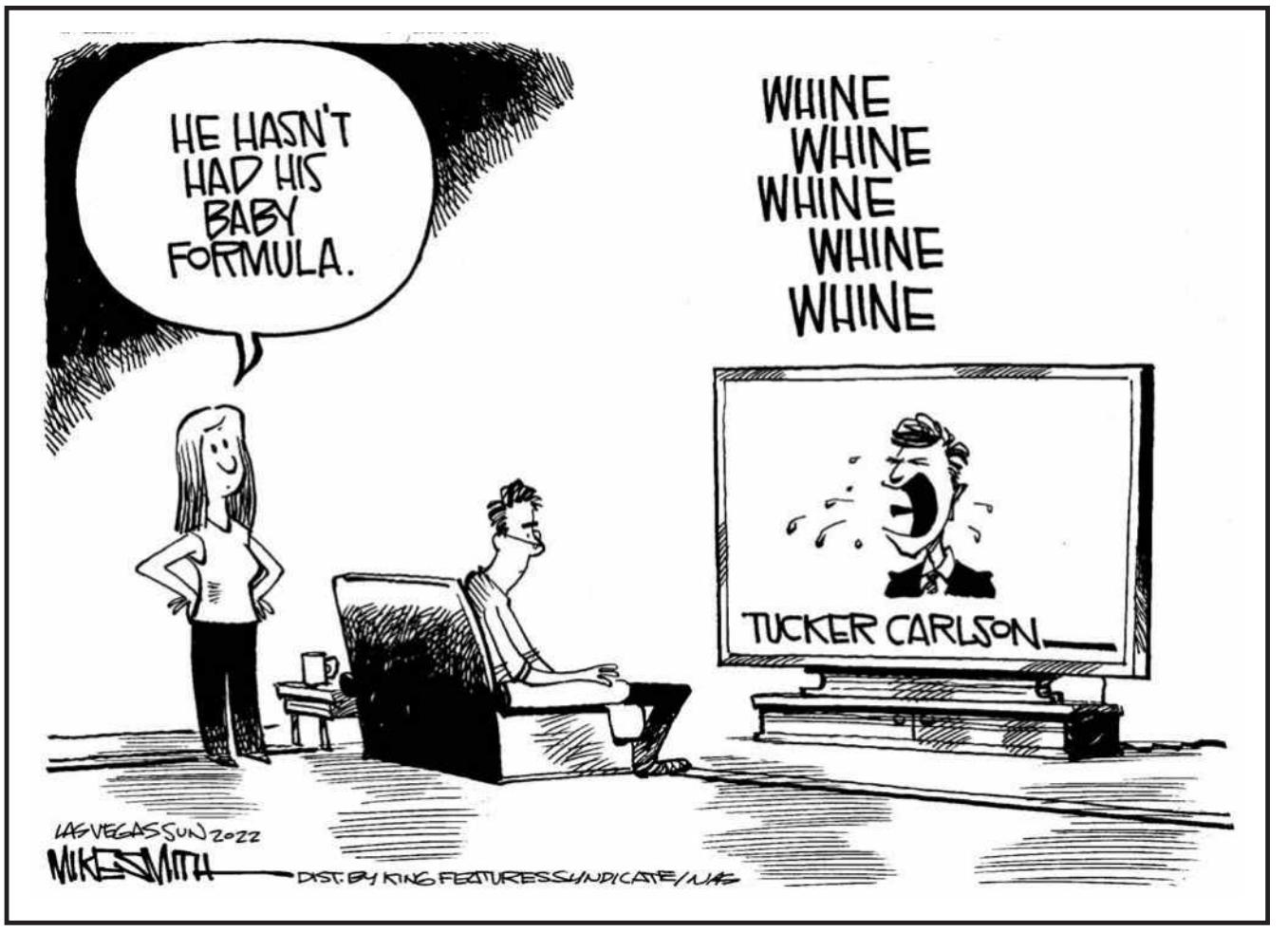
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EDITORIAL

The shame of America's baby-formula shortage

When the sudden COVID-19 shutdown caused people to hoard toilet paper, the nation was half amused by the inability to find a roll on any retail shelf.

There's nothing funny, though, about the baby-formula shortage that has reached a peak in recent weeks. Many babies need formula to survive and thrive. It contains all the nutrients, in the right quantities, to meet an infant's health and developmental needs. Some parents have reportedly taken to watering down commercial formula, a dangerous step that threatens to leave their babies malnourished. And pediatricians are warning parents against making homemade formula.

The scarcity should be easing, now that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is allowing the import of more brands of European formula and has reached an agreement with Abbott, the country's biggest formula maker, to restart production at its Michigan plant. But it could be two months before the facility is fully operational. The plant was closed in February after a contamination of a deadly bacteria was found. Several babies who were drinking the formula got sick and two died, though the company says there is no evidence that its product was the cause.

President Joe Biden announced Wednesday that he is invoking the Defense Production Act to overcome the supply chain problems by directing suppliers to give formula producers priority on the delivery of key ingredients.

Like many other products, infant formula has been in short supply since the early months of the pandemic, caused by "supply chain problems." It's not known exactly which part of the chain is involved, except by the formula manufacturers, said Dr. Steven Abrams, a professor of pediatrics and nutrition science at the University of Texas at Austin, who has been tracking the issue.

The shortage was manageable, though, until Abbott Nutrition recalled some of its products and then extended the shutdown to all of its lines of formula at the largest plant in the nation. Certainly, public health officials should have foreseen that any significant wobble in this market could create a serious shortfall because three companies produce most of the supply. Preventing the shortage would have been much simpler than fixing it.

Federal action took far too long. Only over the last week has the FDA acted in any serious way. The federal government should have been purchasing stock from Europe and Mexico, another source of formula that meets U.S. standards, as soon as the Abbott plant was shuttered, and invoked the Defense Production Act earlier.

What makes the situation especially upsetting is that low-income mothers and their babies were put in an untenable position. The federal Women, Infants and Children nutrition program for families in need, which among other things provides free infant formula for impoverished families, has agreements with formula

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America's army: 'Equitable' but not combat-ready

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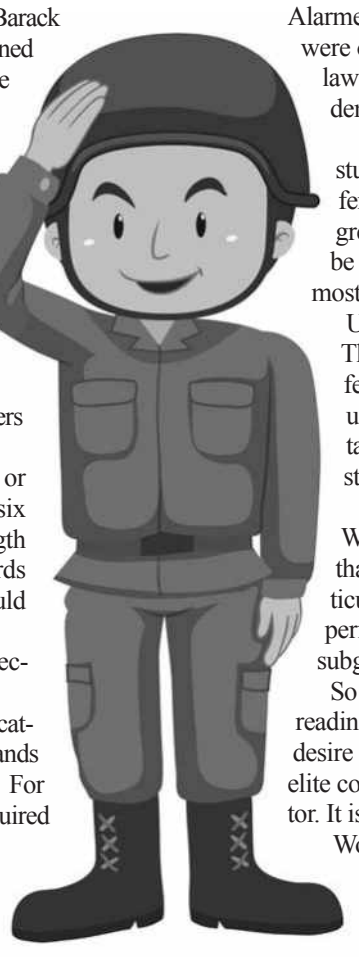
Americans are used to picturing Army combat soldiers as incredibly tough individuals, able to run faster and do more pushups than most people. In today's Army, though that notion is officially passé. At a recent Senate hearing, we learned that Army physical fitness has been sacrificed on the altar of gender equity, a move that former infantryman Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., noted, will "get soldiers killed."

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth admitted to Cotton that the service had abandoned efforts to ensure that soldiers' fitness in physically demanding Army career fields—such as artillery—was being continuously assessed to ensure they met the standards. A subsequent exchange revealed that the Army's minimum fitness standards have been dramatically compromised.

This wasn't what we were sold when President Barack Obama's Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter, opened all combat positions to women seven years ago. He directed that "leaders assign tasks and career fields throughout the force based on ability, not gender."



Obviously, not all Army career fields require the same levels of physical fitness. A cyber sergeant doesn't need to run a seven-minute mile. But an artillery crewmember must be able to lift and carry a 90-pound artillery shell. Most Americans can't meet that standard. So, to ensure readiness of the force, the Army needed a way to make these continuing objective assessments to meet Carter's guidance that soldiers have abilities necessary for their career fields.

Enter the Army's new Combat Fitness Test or ACFT. Designed over 10 years, it consists of six events, all chosen as a proxy for the types of strength soldiers need on the modern battlefield. The standards were gender-neutral to objectively assess who could serve in which Army positions.

The Army spent years studying the standards necessary to succeed in its 190 different career fields.

Unlike previous fitness tests, the ACFT had no categories for male and female. Color-coded scoring bands were established for each of the six ACFT events. For artillery crewmembers, the level of performance required were the highest, coded "black."

To achieve the "black" standard for a two-mile run time, for example, a soldier needed to finish in 18 minutes and deadlift 200 pounds. Similarly high scores were required in the other four events.

It was a tough but science-based system that ensured soldiers who held these physically demanding positions were able to continue to contribute effectively and succeed. It was scheduled for implementation for October 2021. Then Congress and advocacy groups intervened.

Alarmed that women were scoring lower than men were on trial tests of the ACFT, Congress passed a law delaying the test and requiring an independent assessment.

Months later, Rand, who performed the study, returned with shocking news: Males and females score differently on fitness tests. Thus, greater numbers of women than men would not be eligible to serve and remain in the Army's most physically demanding career fields.

Under heavy pressure, the Army surrendered. They threw out the gender-neutral ACFT, effectively abandoning any effort to link continued physical fitness to career fields and simultaneously watering down the baseline fitness standards.

Asked "why" by Sen. Cotton, Secretary Wormuth replied: "We wanted to make sure that we didn't unfairly have standards for a particular subgroup that people, you know, couldn't perform. We didn't want to disadvantage any subgroups."

So now the entire Army is disadvantaged, its readiness degraded in the name of "fairness." The desire to put "equitable" outcomes first is reducing elite combat units to the lowest common denominator. It is a recipe for defeat.

Worse, not only did the Army remove any link between continuing physical fitness and career fields, it also significantly lowered the minimum scores necessary to pass.

The new ACFT passing standard for a female age 17-21 for the two-mile run is over four minutes slower than the old standards. A female soldier can take a leisurely 23

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Army and Marine Corps service: A legacy that now spans multiple generations of Chamorros from the Marianas

RICK'S COLUMN
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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Thousands of our people died from being caught in the middle of World War II as the Americans and Japanese engaged in fierce fighting throughout the Marianas. Some of our immediate relatives, including my uncle, was a combat guide, leading search and capture missions during 1944, looking for Japanese military personnel hiding in the jungles of Guam.

The enduring presence of the Army and Marine Corps over the decades has prompted and enticed many generations of Chamorros to serve in these organizations. Our people have made and continue to leave an indelible impact on the broader Army and Marine Corps communities, spanning from the Korean conflict to the Vietnam conflict and beyond. Active-duty personnel and Army and Marine Corps veterans understand this intimately.

Our Mariana Islands chain and broader western Pacific region have evolved to become one of the most important regions to the United States national security community, not just for the Navy or Air Force, but equally for the Army and the Marines, America's major land-based combat organizations. This has taken place without the full consent and approval of our Chamorro people.

Military land forces stationed in the Pacific and Asiatic areas are necessary now and in the future

Army and Marine Corps units are distributed throughout our region because they are responsible for working with key partner nations and communities. Soldiers and Marines are needed to deter hot war, secure shorelines, manage information, and fight from the sea on ships. Work undertaken by the Americans, including the Army and Marine Corps, focuses on building multinational military operations training, using technology to further strengthen partnerships, and being ready to fight when localized contingencies happen.

Close to 200,000 American military personnel are currently in our Pacific Asiatic region, west of the international date line.

Members of the Army and Marine Corps provide readily recognizable representations of American might, national will, and commitment in support of broad American and ally interests in our backyard. We should also remember that America, as the key superpower in the area, cannot underwrite area security by itself because the overall effort is too expensive and daunting. The American public will not allow the United States to go at it alone.

The Philippines, as just one example, has publicly signaled that it plans to deepen its ties with China's militarily once President-elect Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is sworn into office. Should this take place, our entire island chain will become even more important from the American national security viewpoint because of our proximity to China and East Asia.

Guam and the Northern Marianas fall outside of this nation state ally foreign affairs paradigm because our island chain is an American bastion of militarized colonial status. This political architecture is grossly antiquated and need to change to reflect authentic participatory American democratic practices.

Some points to remember about the Army and Marine Corps

Ground-based war operations in landlocked Iraq and Afghanistan have consumed our consciousness over the past 20 years. Things are now changing. American military forces have been making major efforts to reposition and strengthen themselves throughout our Deep Pacific Blue Ocean continent.

The Army and Marines, in particular, want to remain most relevant in our Pacific region as China grows its national power. The Air Force and Navy have an easier time selling their relevance to the American public when it comes to fighting and protecting expansive American interests found throughout the Blue Ocean continent. The Army and Marine Corps are perceived to have a more difficult time doing this for a variety of reasons.

The significance of our Marianas Islands chain cannot and must not be underappreciated by and from the American national and international security perch

Guam alone will house 10% of the total Marine Corps personnel count stationed west of the international date line in the Pacific. This percentage doesn't include head counts when preparations for actual wartime scenario force structure inflows of people are required.

Tinian and Pagan will become key operational hubs for testing out new Army and Marine Corps concepts of operations for future wars. This will place substantial stress on Tinian and Pagan natural resource corridors, which will stress Chamorro cultural resource corridors. Saipan will become a central location toward ensuring that American military will is carried out and prevails.

Guam is home to roughly 8% of the total American Army military personnel force structure count located west of the international date line. Guam is a key area to prepare, support, receive, stage, and deploy soldiers for war. Guam personnel work with major Army units based out of Hawaii, Japan, South Korea, Alaska, Washington state, and elsewhere.

Both the Army and Marines are looking for ways to continually improve upon their logistical prowess for future tactical operations using our Mariana Islands as the principal shore base constellation. For better or worse, our Mariana Islands will receive and see some of the best weapons and personnel that America can produce, but as most of us are aware, many key quality-of-life elements will be compromised for our Chamorro people and our total environment.

Key takeaways

The Pacific Asiatic space has been and continues to remain under the broad American security military and intelligence umbrella. This has been the case for over seven decades.

America is the world's most lethal superpower and has unilaterally determined that our Pacific Asiatic region is the most important strategic part of the world. Our ancient Chamorro Pacific Islander civilization is located smack in the middle of this superpower interpretation.

As a result, the need to train, equip and prepare soldiers and Marines for war sponsored by the United States is needed.

We cannot leave the Chinese, North Korean, and Russian militaries free to do as they choose because our Mariana Islands are long-held bastions of American control and military influence. It is a fact that our island chain runs the risk of being attacked by a foreign power.

This is both a dangerous and very real proposition for our ancient Chamorro people and for all American military resources currently placed throughout our beautiful island chain named after Queen Mariana.

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minutes, a male 22 minutes, and still pass. The number of required pushups went down by nine, to a total of 10. Cotton, unable to hide his disgust during the hearing, called the lowered standards "absolutely pathetic."

This is not to say no women can meet the physical standards to serve in combat units. More than 100 women have graduated from the Army's grueling Ranger School, its most physically demanding course.

One of the first graduates, Cpt. Kristen Griest, recently expressed strong views on the subject: "While the equity question must be addressed, the answer is not to implement gender-based scoring or reduce the minimum standards for combat arms. Doing so would have both immediate and insidious impacts on combat effectiveness, as well as on women's credibility and potential."

Some may think this doesn't matter – that modern combat is all about "pushing buttons." Think again. In Ukraine today, soldiers are lugging 90-pound shells and 50-pound Javelins all across the country to defeat Vladimir Putin's brutal invaders.

Cotton concluded his questioning by warning, "I'm not going to let it stand."

For the sake of America's Army, let's hope he doesn't.

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makers who provide their product at no cost; in exchange, the companies get free marketing and greater shelf space in stores.

Under those agreements, though, mothers in any given state's WIC program are limited to a single brand of formula. So while other families could buy expensive specialty formula or choose a store brand, at least when those were available, WIC mothers were left with no options when their stores ran out of the program-approved brand. (Exceptions were made in states that contracted with Abbott, but with a generalized shortage like this, all mothers needed the freedom to purchase whatever formula they could find.) This isn't a minor issue; about half the formula in this nation is obtained through the WIC program.

This has been yet one more sad example of how the nation puts an unacceptably low priority on the health and welfare of mothers and babies—from failure to guarantee paid maternity leave for workers to lack of child-care support—which affects the choices new mothers are forced to make. So it's not a surprise that this nation has among the lowest rates of breastfeeding in the developed world. Though breast milk is known to be the healthiest form of nutrition for young babies, many working mothers simply don't have the support needed to breastfeed and pump while trying to hold down a job.

There's still work to be done on the formula front. The reason European formula has largely been blocked from U.S. shelves isn't safety or wholesomeness; it's an FDA labeling issue, Abrams said. This is the kind of regulatory protectionism that has kept American consumers from having more products to choose from and that has prevented more competition in the marketplace. WIC families also need more choice in the products they buy, even if that means the federal government will need to provide subsidies instead of relying on free products from the formula manufacturers. And, according to an article published Tuesday in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, the federal government must take action to encourage the establishment of more manufacturers of formula in this country so that infant nutrition isn't so reliant on a single plant.

But the best choice would be for mothers to be able to breastfeed their babies through better maternal leave and childcare available at their work sites so they could nurse during breaks. Other nations are showing the way. The question is whether the U.S. will ever be as much about family values as it likes to say it is.

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The Weather

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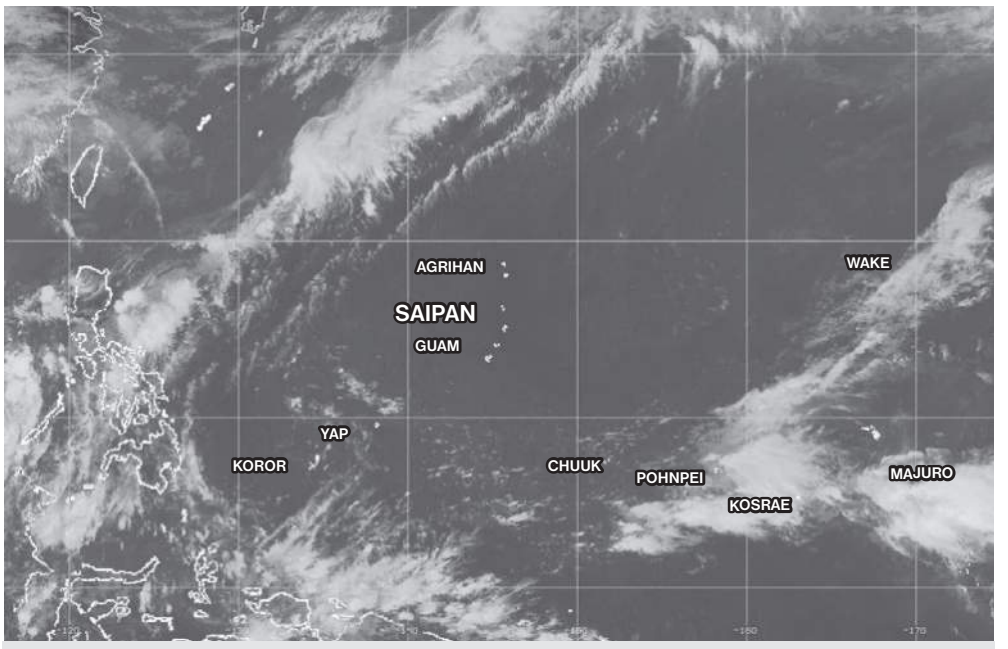

PICTURE TIME:8:43 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Guam and Rota waters, with only few showers in the Tinian and Saipan waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 3 to 5 feet, composed mainly of trade-wind swell from just north of east.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	31 / 27 °F
Palau	PM Thunderstorms	29 / 25 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	30 / 26 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	29 / 26 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	29 / 27 °F

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	05:46 AM	18:40 PM
Tuesday	05:46 AM	18:41 PM
Wednesday	05:46 AM	18:41 PM
Thursday	05:46 AM	18:41 PM
Friday	05:46 AM	18:42 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	00:49	12:37 PM	-
Tuesday	01:31	13:31 PM	-
Wednesday	02:10	14:22 PM	-
Thursday	02:46	15:12 PM	-
Friday	03:23	16:01 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	AM Light Rain	16 / 10 °F
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	34 / 20 °F
Hong Kong	Cloudy	27 / 24 °F
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	29 / 22 °F
London	Showers	18 / 10 °F
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	22 / 13 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	32 / 26 °F
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	17 / 5 °F
Miami	Partly Cloudy	29 / 26 °F
New York	Partly Cloudy	25 / 15 °F
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	28 / 16 °F
Paris	Thunderstorms	20 / 11 °F
Busan	Mostly Cloudy	24 / 17 °F
Rome	Sunny	30 / 17 °F
Salem	Thunderstorms	24 / 18 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	21 / 11 °F
Seoul	Sunny	30 / 14 °F
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	25 / 16 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	22 / 16 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
02:51 AM	High Tide	2.04
08:50 AM	Low Tide	1.25
1:06 PM	High Tide	1.64
8:18 PM	Low Tide	8.18

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	6:35AM	7:15AM	1, 3, 6
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	2, 4, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	6:35AM	9:10PM	1, 3, 6 via Guam
UA117/193	6:35AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	2, 4, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	4, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
RS112	3:45PM	7:30PM	3, 6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX622	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:00AM	5:45AM	1, 3, 6
UA116	8:00AM	8:45AM	5, 7
UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	2, 4

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:35PM	4:35AM+1	2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA184	10:25PM	4:20AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:05AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/116	10:25PM	5:45AM+1	2, 5, 7 via Guam
UA184/116	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3 via Guam
UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	4, 6 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
RS111	8:45AM	2:05PM	3, 6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	3
TW9307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX621	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 16, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Monday & Friday until May 31, 2022
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun until May 31, 2022
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat/Sun until May 31, 2022
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Monday & Friday until May 31, 2022
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Monday & Friday

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Monday & Friday

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily
1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

3rd Saturday of May is named CNMI Armed Forces Day

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres has designated the third Saturday of each May as CNMI Armed Forces Day during a proclamation signing last Thursday at the Office of the Governor.

The occasion was witnessed by special assistant for Military Affairs Glenna S. Palacios of the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs; Capt. Kimberly Hofschneider, Indo-Pacific Command liaison officer to the CNMI; Sgt. Saili Tigilau and soldiers from the 100th Battalion Echo Company and the 302nd Quartermaster, along with other members of the community.

The proclamation acknowledges that the men and women of the Marianas have boldly answered the call to serve for generations. Right now, more than 1,000 Commonwealth residents are also service members and veterans. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs Thursday at the Office of the Governor the proclamation that designates the third Saturday of each May as CNMI Armed Forces Day.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ARFF RAPID REFILL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-93**, OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, ARFF Rapid Refill Improvements Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-93"* and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

The Project, in general, consists of, construction of two new pre-stressed concrete tanks at 250,000 gallons each with a new triplex booster pump, removal and replacement of overhead refilling pipes, installation of two new fire hydrants, associated plumbing work, and all other associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY U.S. DOLLARS ($250.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic format (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**, at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Classroom to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications. It is the contractor's responsibility to inform CPA as soon as possible if there is a problem accessing the information on the DVD. Contractor's are to verify all information provided using the table of contents for the specifications and the plan that shows the index of drawings.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Four Hundred Twenty (420) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS ($1,000.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: April 19, 2022

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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: ***"Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport Drainage Improvement Project, CPA-RA-003-17"*** and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. (CHST), FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company's attendees to ensure social distancing, as well as wear a face mask at all times while at the airport.

The Project, in general, consists of sewer pipe replacement at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport Terminal including all associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Contract Documents including plans, specifications and the bid schedule, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon the payment of **SEVENTY-FIVE U.S. DOLLARS ($75.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bidders should notify CPA immediately if there are issues retrieving the files on the DVD and are to verify all information using the specification table of contents and the index of drawings in the plans.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Maintenance/Custodian Supervisor's office at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, at **10:00 A.M. (CHST), FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Attendance is not mandatory. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. For site visits after the pre-bid conference, bidders are to coordinate with Ms. Sharlene Manglona, CPA's Rota Ports Manager at email address sharlene.manglona@cnmiports.com or telephone number (670) 532-9497, during regular working hours.

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Bidders shall use the bid schedule form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all supplemental information required in the specifications.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **Two Hundred Seventy (270) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **Five-Hundred U.S. Dollars ($500.00)** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: May 11, 2022

500 Sails offers traditional navigation classes to public

500 Sails has announced an open call for aspiring cultural practitioners who are interested in learning the art of Traditional Navigation.

Under the Cultural Maritime Training Center's Traditional Navigation Track, master navigators Mario Benito, Antonio Piailug, and Cecilio Raikiulipiy will be sharing their sacred knowledge and stories. The track launched its first trial sessions in March with 11 enrolled students and will continue throughout the rest of the year.

Members of the community who would like to participate are invited to attend a meet-and-greet with Raikiulipiy, who has graciously opened up seats for new students, in addition to his own class. He will be conducting interviews for those who are serious about committing their time to learning the foundations of traditional navigation under his guidance. Currently, the classes are closed for Benito and Piailug.

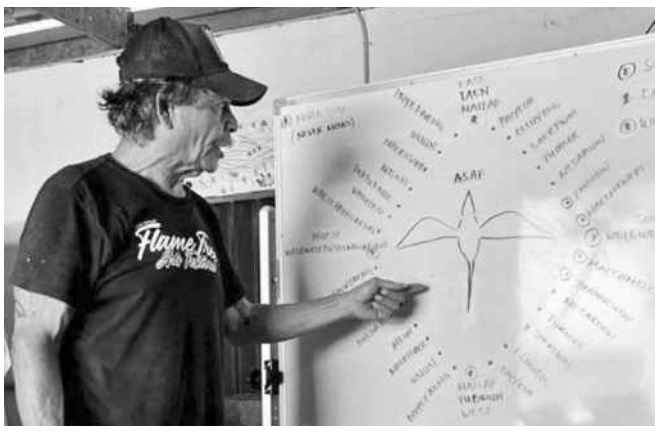
Navigation is an ancient art form that involves memorizing the names of significant stars in the sky, understanding and predicting weather and swell patterns, knowing all phases of the moon and tides, and the physical and spiritual preparation it takes to go on an open-ocean voyage, to name a few of the topics covered. Saipan is fortunate to be the home of the three navigators who have the passion and drive to teach what they know to future generations.

Interested individuals can come to the 500 Sails Boatyard in the Lower Base/Tanapag Village at 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Seating in the class is limited, and students will be selected based on the discretion of the navigator, as well as their ability to dedicate time out of their schedules to attend these sessions thereafter.

The Cultural Maritime Training Center is made possible by support from the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of an Administration for Native Americans' Social & Economic Development Strategies grant.

500 Sails is a 501(c)3 and CNMI tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to reviving, promoting, and preserving the maritime cultural traditions of the Mariana Islands through community engagement in canoe cultural values and activities. 500 Sails' vision is a healthy thriving native community that has successfully integrated traditional cultural values into modern life. Major supporting partners include the CNMI Office of Indigenous Affairs, IT&E, and Chamolinian Cultural Village Inc - Canoe Federation.

For more information on programs, call 670-323-7245 (SAIL), email info@500sails.org, or follow 500 Sails on Facebook and Instagram. ***(PR)***



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Master navigator Cecilio Raikiulipiy, top photo, master navigator Antonio Piailug, center, and master navigator Mario Benito, bottom photo, are shown during their classroom instruction.

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
CUC-RAESP-22-024
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed Architectural & Engineering Services Proposal from qualified firms to update the 2016 CUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which identified a long-range plan for the most cost-effective mix of energy resources, both supply-side and demand-side management (DSM) and included a review of commercially available base load and renewable energy alternatives. The updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) will include optimizing this power supply portfolio to minimize costs while maximizing sustainability and resiliency while including the lasted in renewable, DSM, and operating technologies.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for the project award from Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) and HUD.

The RAESP package may be obtained via email between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $300.00 for one RFP package set. **To register for the RAESP, please contact Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Technician Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.**

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Proposal; and One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RAESP-22-024, Integrated Resource Plan"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 24, 2022.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RAESP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This RAESP does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 10, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Procurement Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Anne Crocket, CUC Power Division Chief Engineer via email address anne.crocket@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

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From
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CNMI DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP22-DCCA-CCLP-42200101

SUBMISSION DATE: June 23, 2022 TIME: 9:00 A.M.

"TO UPDATE THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS CHILD CARE LICENSING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES, LOCATED AT THE HORIGUCHI BLDG., GROUND FLOOR, 123 KOPPA DI ORU & BEACH ROAD, GARAPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE LICENSING PROGRAM OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1343 ASCENSION COURT IN CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON **JUNE 13, 2022 10:00 A.M.** CONTRACTORS MAY REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE VIA PHONE-CALL IN. IF REQUESTING VIA PHONE-CALL IN, REQUEST MUST BE MADE VIA EMAIL TO gbsdccacclp@gmail.com AT LEAST 3-WORKDAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCE.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO **MR. GORDON SALAS, PROGRAM SUPERVISOR**, VIA EMAIL TO gbsdccacclp@gmail.com NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, FIVE (5) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR OT THE MADATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONVERENCE. ALL QUESTIONS WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING THE CONFERENCE. QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED. No ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED AFTER THE PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO
SECRETARY, DCCA

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

Indigo Music Festival draws over 2,000 fans

A crowd of over 2,000 people descended on Garapan Fishing Base Friday night for the Indigo Music Festival that featured the music of Maui-based reggae band Maoli, as well as Guam's One Rhythm and Steppahs.

Brought to the CNMI by the Roil Soil Marketing, it was billed as the largest music festival that has been hosted on Saipan since the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020.

According to Roil Soil Clothing owner, Shayne Villanueva, they already pre-sold 2,000 tickets and more people were buying them at the door.

He said this was his fourth or fifth time hosting a concert like this in the CNMI, with the last one held in 2019 before the pandemic, with groups such as Jordan T, Bo Napoleon, Samu, Leahmusicx & Shannon, and 4for4. He said he tries to host a festival every year and hopefully will feature another one in the next few months. This year's bands were chosen for their popularity and their fans in the CNMI.

"Personally, I'm a fan, so I love their music so I'm very happy," said Villanueva.

Aside from Roil Soil Marketing, the event was also sponsored by the Marianas Visitors Authority, among other supporters. ***(Angel Li)***

ANGEL LI

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Field training this June means more military vehicles on NMI highways

ASAN, Guam—Joint Region Marianas advises the CNMI community of convoy operations with tactical military vehicles scheduled to support an upcoming military exercise on June 5-13.

During the convoy operations, numerous tactical military vehicles will traverse public roads on Saipan. Additionally, the public may see increased activity at the Port of Saipan and parts of Tinian associated with the FTX.

"The CNMI community has been extremely gracious in hosting military field training exercises for many years," said Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Cornielle, Mariana Islands Range Complex Director. "We continue to work toward mutual cooperation with the communities where we live and train in support of homeland defense."

The planned military activities should not conflict with the Pacific Mini Games scheduled on Saipan in mid-June.

For an opportunity to view a static display of the military tactical vehicles, contact the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs office at (670) 488-0220.

For more information about the military exercise, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at CJRMPAO@fe.navy.mil or (671) 349-4055. ***(PR)***

PORT VISIT

U.S. NAVY/AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN 3RD CLASS PAULIAN BEARDSLEY

Representatives of various CNMI organizations conduct a tour aboard the expeditionary sea base USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5) while anchored off Garapan, Saipan, for the ship's first visit to its administrative home port. Miguel Keith, part of Amphibious Squadron 11, is operating in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations to enhance interoperability with allies and partners and serve as a ready-response force to defend peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

U.S. NAVY/AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN 3RD CLASS PAULIAN BEARDSLEY

Capt. Patrick Keller, second from right, commanding officer of USS Miguel Keith's Gold Crew, and Brice Behringer, left, the ship's master, discuss flight deck operations with Glenna Palacios, special assistant to the governor of Saipan for Military Affairs, during the ship's first visit to its administrative home port.

U.S. NAVY/AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN 3RD CLASS PAULIAN BEARDSLEY

Representatives of various CNMI organizations pose for a photo during a tour aboard the expeditionary sea base USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5) while anchored off Saipan for the ship's first visit to its administrative home port.

U.S. NAVY/AVIATION ORDNANCEMAN 3RD CLASS PAULIAN BEARDSLEY

Brice Behringer, the ship's master aboard the expeditionary sea base USS Miguel Keith (ESB 5), explains bridge operations to representatives of various CNMI organizations during a tour while anchored off Saipan, for the ship's first visit to its administrative home port.

Health & Wellness

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Expert's advice for parents during baby formula shortage

By DEEDEE STIEPAN
MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

Infant caregivers are finding empty store shelves where baby formula was once stocked. They may be turning to online searches and even alternative solutions, such as making homemade baby formula.

While it may sound like a good idea, Dr. Kelsey Klaas, a Mayo Clinic pediatrician, says feeding your baby homemade formula is not safe for multiple reasons.

"In the short term, one of the potentially severe risks of a homemade formula is that we can see electrolyte imbalances—calcium, sodium and several others—that can lead to potentially scary events. The most severe kind of seizures can lead to dehydration in the shorter term, as well. So although it sounds like it might be a good idea, it's really a potentially dangerous option, especially for young infants," says Dr. Klaas.

Diluting existing formula or watering it down to try to make it last longer is also not a good option.

"We're not feeding our babies the same number of calories, and, so, even in the short term, they're not getting enough nutrition from that product. On top of that, with dilution, again, we face electrolyte imbalance challenges, seeing low calcium, low sodium levels as potentially severe side effects of a formula dilution."

So what can parents do? Dr. Klaas says it's OK to feed babies formula that is available on the shelves, even if it's not the usual kind they use.

"When you're changing nutrition, you might see your baby be more gassy, see some change in stool patterns potentially. If you're seeing vomiting, if you're seeing diarrhea, that's the time to reach out to your pediatrician. That's not an expected response to just a formula change. If it is a little bit more fussiness, gassiness, then that is something that we would recommend just feeding through and knowing that that nutrition is what baby needs."

Parents of infants with kidney disease or metabolic disorders that require them to be fed a special formula should get in touch with their baby's health care team.

"There is a form that physician offices can complete and send to Abbott Nutrition for emergency access of special formulas. That's not all infant formulas. Again, this is going to be infants who are receiving metabolic formulas and special formulas for chronic conditions."

Here's more advice for caregivers looking for baby formula:

■ When shopping for formula, make frequent trips to the store, as many stores get shipments multiple times per week or even daily.

■ Call around before you drive around. Some stores may hold a few cans of formula for you if you are coming right away to pick it up.

■ When you are at the store, ask customer service if formula is in a different location than the regular shelf.

■ Check grocery stores in small outlying towns, as well.

■ Try shopping online. Stores may have different formula online than what they have on the shelves.

■ Refer patients to their local public health or county Woman, Infants and Children office for additional information.

STEFANI REYNOLDS/AFP/ GETTY IMAGES/TNS
Grocery store shelves where baby formula is typically stocked are locked and nearly empty in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

May is National Salad Month. Lettuce celebrate! FREEPIK

By BARBARA INTERMILL
MONTEREY HERALD

I was not aware until I heard it from my buddy Bob at Dole. May is National Salad Month. Lettuce celebrate!

I'm reminded of a story a friend told me several years ago. Her family was visiting her small hometown and visited a local restaurant for lunch. The limited menu featured two salads: regular and deluxe.

"What's the difference between the regular salad and the deluxe?" she asked her server.

Without looking up from her notepad, the woman answered, "Tomato."

Lettuce and tomato is a good start for any salad. But what really makes a salad a salad, I was surprised to hear, is the dressing. In fact, National Salad Month was first sponsored in 1992 by the Association for Dressings and Sauces. And according to culinary experts at allrecipes.com, if it's dressed, you can call it a salad.

That doesn't mean all salads are the same nutritionally, however. Even the best potato salad deserves a hint of at least one other color besides white. And while we think of a salad as something made with greens and other vegetables, it can also be a mixture of other ingredients, including fruit, pasta, chicken or tuna.

Think about this when you're throwing ingredients into a salad: Each natural color in veggies and fruit signals the presence of specific phytonutrients that protect our cells and strengthen our immune system. Best bet is to eat a variety.

Choose at least two of these key colors for your next salad:

Green spinach, lettuce, avocados, peppers, asparagus, artichokes, broccoli, kale, cabbage, green peppers (and so on) are rich in plant chemicals that fight off cancer-causing agents.

Red tomato, bell pepper, strawberries, watermelon, grapes, peppers, beets and onions contain lycopene, a potent substance that protects against prostate cancer and other diseases.

Purple and blue grapes, blueberries, plums, figs, prunes, cabbage and onions carry antioxidant substances that can delay the aging of our cells.

Orange and yellow carrots, peppers, cantaloupe and corn are rich in substances that protect our eyes and keep the heart strong.

White onions, cauliflower, garlic, beans and mushrooms bring antioxidants to the table that protect against chronic disease.

Remember too that a salad can turn into a main dish with the simple addition of protein: grilled meat, chicken, tuna, beans, eggs, cheese.

And what about dressing? We want it to enhance flavor, not cover it up. Whether you're adding mayo, sour cream or another type of dressing, here's a good rule of thumb for each portion: 1-2 tablespoons dressing that contains about 100 calories and no more than 2 grams saturated fat. And remember, if it has less than 140 mg of sodium per serving, it's considered low in sodium.

That's what I call a salad deluxe!

Finding a mental health care professional to fit your needs

By LAUREL KELLY
MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which makes this a good time to learn about finding a mental health care professional.

Mental health is the overall wellness of how you think, regulate your feelings and behave. A mental disorder may be present when patterns or changes in thinking, feeling or behaving cause distress or disrupt a person's ability to function.

Mental illness refers to a wide range of mental health conditions—disorders that affect your mood, thinking and behavior. Many people have mental health concerns from time to time. But a mental health concern becomes a mental illness when ongoing signs and symptoms cause frequent stress and affect your ability to function.

Treatment depends on the type of mental illness and its severity. In many cases, a combination of treatments works best. If you have a mild mental illness with well-controlled symptoms, treatment from your primary care provider may be sufficient. However, a team approach is often appropriate to make sure all your psychiatric, medical and social needs are met.

If you've never seen a mental health care professional before, you may not know how to find one who suits your specific needs. Some specialize in certain areas, such as depression, substance misuse or family therapy. They may work in different settings, such as private practice, hospitals, community agencies or other facilities.

Common types of mental health care professionals include:

■ Psychiatrists.

■ Psychologists.

■ Psychiatric-mental health nurses.

■ Physician assistants.

■ Licensed clinical social workers.

■ Licensed professional counselors.

The best choice for your care will depend on your concern or condition; whether you need medications, counseling or both; and your health insurance coverage. Finding the right match is crucial to establishing a good relationship and getting the most out of your treatment.

Life & Style

Johnny Depp was a controlling lover, ex-girlfriend testifies

By BEN FINLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

To hear actor Ellen Barkin tell it, Johnny Depp was a controlling, jealous and angry man even back in the 1990s, when the two dated.

"Where are you going?" Barkin said Depp would ask her. "Who are you going with? What did you do last night?"

Barkin added: "I had a scratch on my back once that got him very, very angry because he insisted it came from me having sex with a person who wasn't him."

Depp

Barkin recalled her relationship with Depp during a previously taped deposition that was played in a Virginia courtroom Thursday by lawyers for Depp's ex-wife, Amber Heard.

Heard's attorneys are trying to undermine Depp's libel lawsuit against her. Depp says a 2018 op-ed piece Heard wrote in The Washington Post unfairly portrayed him as a domestic abuser and cost him a lucrative Hollywood career that included the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie franchise.

Depp has testified he never struck Heard and that he was the victim of abuse inflicted by her. But Heard's attorneys say those denials lack credibility because he frequently drank and used drugs to the point of blacking out.

During Barkin's deposition, she testified that Depp was "always drinking or smoking a joint" or doing other illegal drugs. She said she dated Depp for about three to five months and characterized the relationship as more sexual than romantic.

Barkin co-starred with Depp in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." During filming, Barkin said Depp threw a wine bottle in her direction while he was fighting with some friends in a hotel room. However, she said she didn't know why he threw the bottle.

Heard's attorneys argue that Depp's career free-fall was the result of his own bad behavior—not Heard's op-ed. They played witness testimony that charted the actor's rise and fall from "the biggest movie star in the world" to a man who struggled with drugs, money and the ability to show up at movie sets on time.

Tracey Jacobs, who served as the actor's agent for about 30 years, said Depp was "showing up late to set consistently on virtually every movie" during their final years working together.

"I was very honest with him and said, 'You've got to stop doing this – this is hurting you,'" Jacobs said. "And it did."

Jacobs said Depp was an extraordinary talent but his behavior in the years before he fired her in 2016 became increasingly unprofessional, while his drug and alcohol use increased, Jacobs said.

"And it also got around town," Jacobs said. "I mean, people talk, it's a small community. And it made people reluctant to use him."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Ozzy Osbourne's daughter Aimee escapes Hollywood studio fire

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne's daughter Aimee was among those who escaped a Hollywood recording studio fire that killed a 26-year-old music producer, Sharon Osbourne and others who work in the space said. Aimee Osbourne's producer also escaped the blaze that began late Thursday afternoon in the two story commercial building that houses several studios and music-making spaces. It took 78 firefighters more than 50 minutes to extinguish the flames, Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott said in a statement. Two people reported respiratory symptoms related to smoke exposure and were evaluated at the scene, but both declined to be taken to a hospital, Scott said. "Sadly, one person was found dead inside, as firefighters searched the structure," Scott said, adding that no firefighters were injured and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Alleged Chappelle tackler also charged in roommate stabbing

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man charged in an on-stage attack of comedian Dave Chappelle has now also been charged with the attempted murder of a roommate months earlier, authorities said Thursday. Isaiah Lee, 23, has pleaded not guilty in the December stabbing that occurred during a fight at a Los Angeles transitional living facility, the LA County District Attorney's Office said. The publicity that followed the Chappelle incident helped lead to Lee's identification and arrest in the previous attack, prosecutors said. A message left with the county public defender's office seeking comment from an attorney for Lee was not immediately returned. Lee was arrested May 3 after allegedly rushing the stage and tackling Chappelle during his stand-up set at the Hollywood Bowl.

Rep. Ocasio-Cortez says she's engaged to longtime partner

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said Thursday she's engaged to her longtime partner Riley Roberts, a marketing professional she met over a decade ago while they were undergraduates at Boston University. The pair got engaged last month in her family's hometown in Puerto Rico, the Democratic congresswoman confirmed to Insider and later on social media. Roberts had appeared in a 2018 political documentary in which he discussed his support for Ocasio-Cortez's career. Ocasio-Cortez, a Bronx-born former bartender who represents Queens, was the charismatic star of the "squad" of progressive congresswomen whose elections in 2018 helped return the chamber to Democratic control. A self-described democratic socialist, the 32-year-old upset powerful Democratic incumbent Joe Crowley in that year's primary, and easily prevailed in 2020 over opponents including former CNBC broadcaster Michelle Caruso-Cabrera.

Ed Sheeran announces birth of second daughter

LONDON (AP)—British singer-songerwriter Ed Sheeran has announced the birth of his second daughter, saying he and his wife, Cherry Seaborn were "over the moon" at the baby's arrival. The Grammy award-winner posted a picture of baby socks on his Instagram site. "We are both so in love with her," Sheeran, 31, said in the Thursday night post, without giving the child's name or saying when she was born. The couple welcomed their first daughter, Lyra Antarctica Seaborn Sheeran, in August 2020. Despite being in the spotlight for his music, Sheeran has remained private about his relationship with Seaborn.

Protester crashes Cannes carpet at George Miller premiere

CANNES, France (AP)—A woman who stripped off her clothes to reveal a message against rape written on her body crashed the Cannes Film Festival red carpet premiere of George Miller's "Three Thousand Years of Longing" on Friday. The unidentified woman tore off her clothes during the film's red carpet procession to reveal the message "Stop raping us" written across her torso next to the blue and yellow colors of the Ukraine flag. Red was also painted on her legs and groin. While she yelled "Don't rape us!" security quickly encircled her and took her off the red carpet. Representatives for the festival didn't immediately comment.

Kate McKinnon, Pete Davidson departing from 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP)—Kate McKinnon and Pete Davidson are among those departing from "Saturday Night Live," leaving the sketch institution without arguably its two most famous names after Saturday's 47th season finale. Aidy Bryant and Kyle Mooney will also leave the cast after the episode hosted by Natasha Lyonne. The departures represent one of the biggest cast shake-ups in years on a show that has seen unusual steadiness in recent seasons. McKinnon, 38, won two Emmys and was nominated for nine in her 10 seasons on the show, during which her impressions included Hillary Clinton, and former Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Her comic chops with characters like alien abductee Miss Rafferty frequently drove castmates and guest hosts to lose it live on air.

Long marriage in jeopardy after man's lies revealed

DEAR ABBY: I have recently discovered that for the last seven years—or more—my husband has been lying to avoid conflict. What he has been lying about greatly upsets me, but knowing he has lied about these things makes it worse than finding out the truth at the time things happened.

The lies are about his relationships with his female "friends." He has always had a wandering eye. He has lied so many times that I'm wondering what else he has lied about that I don't know about. I find out because he tells on himself without realizing what he has said.

I am now questioning our whole life together. We have been together 31 years, and I'm thinking our entire marriage has been built on his lies. When I confront him about it, he says he "never said it," but he did. How do I live with a lying spouse?

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DEAR LIED TO: Solid marriages are built on trust. Unfortunately, yours is lacking in that department. Your first task is to determine whether you WANT to remain married to a lying husband, who attempts to gaslight you by denying he said something you clearly heard. It would be in your best interest to schedule some sessions with a licensed counselor who can help you to gain enough emotional strength to make that decision rationally rather than emotionally. If you decide to end your marriage, discuss this with an attorney BEFORE informing your husband so he or she can guide you in the process.

DEAR ABBY: I am the oldest of four children. I'm closest with my youngest sibling, "Louanne." I have not had a relationship with the other sister, "Emily," for close to 10 years. I tried to reach out a few times and was rejected or received cold responses. My feelings toward Emily have grown numb.

Emily now has some mental issues, and Louanne, who does have a relationship with her, helps her almost to the extreme. She's now talking about relocating Emily from South Carolina to New Jersey, and wants my help arranging it. Until two weeks ago, Emily lived on her own as she had for many years. She's had some ups and downs, but Louanne is treating this as though Emily is no longer able to care for herself.

I'm having a hard time feeling compassion for Emily, and Louanne is upset with me because I don't want to help. It's destroying our relationship. I tried to explain my feelings to her, but she keeps reminding me that this is about "family," so I need to put my feelings aside. I feel torn and alone. Any advice?

CHALLENGED IN THE EAST

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

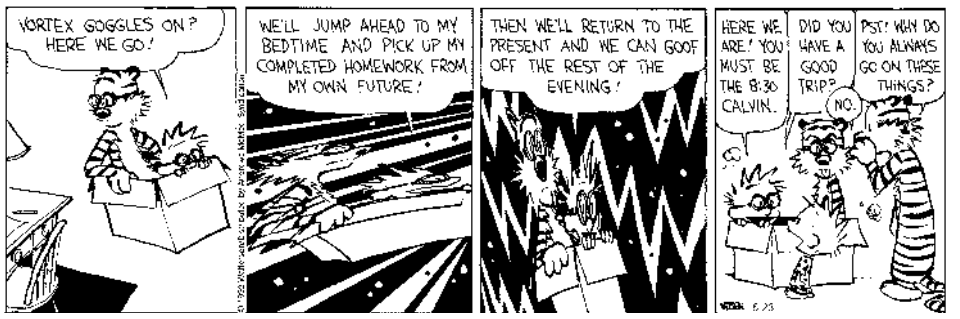
DEAR CHALLENGED: It might help to view this from a different perspective. Although you are distant from Emily, who you acknowledge has mental problems, you are close to Louanne. If you maintain your current stance and refuse to help Louanne, the entire responsibility of relocating Emily will fall on her shoulders, and it is quite a load. You would be doing a good deed by helping Louanne with this burden she has assumed and, if you regard it this way, it may make taking on that responsibility easier for HER.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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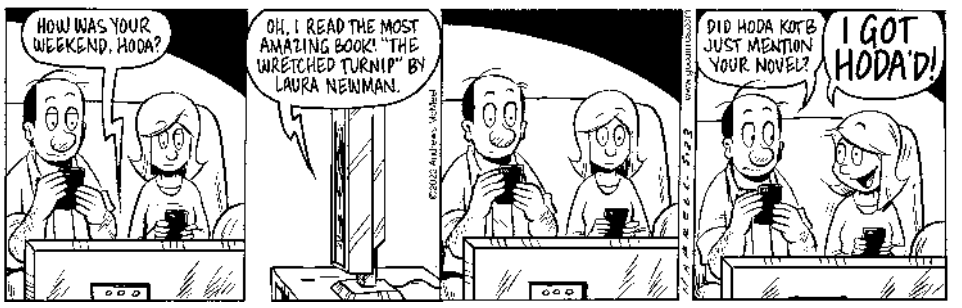
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By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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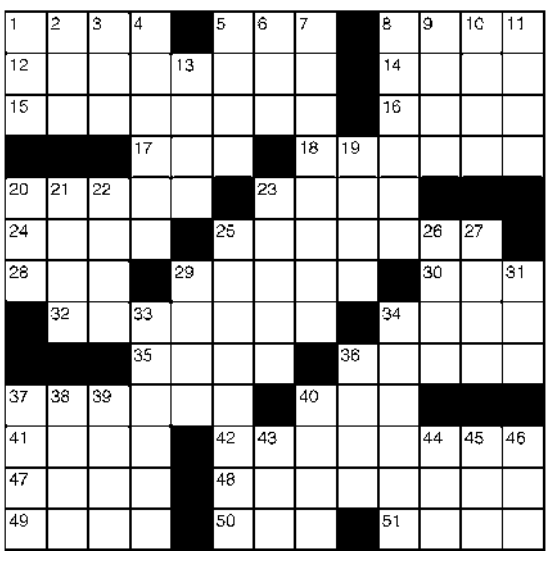

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Happy Birthday: Take the path of least resistance. Worry less about what others are up to; focus on what's important to you, how to make a difference. Sharing insight and offering alternative solutions will put you in the spotlight and help you make a name for yourself this year among your peers. Pay attention to your health, and protect your reputation. Your numbers are 2, 7, 13, 27, 32, 38, 49.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Broaden your outlook by listening to what others share. Pulling together information that complements your ideas and plans will help you get ahead. Pay attention to detail, help those who help you and put your best foot forward. Learn to love yourself. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* It's up to you to implement change. Don't wait for someone to step in and take over. Be direct regarding your thoughts and feelings, and you will find out quickly who is in your corner. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Keep moving forward. If you stop, you will slip into an emotional funk that will throw you off guard and hinder your chance to reach your goal. Share your feelings and what you have to offer with someone you love. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* You know what others expect of you, so don't dawdle. Put your heart into giving your unique touch to whatever you do and you'll stand out. Don't let anyone take advantage of you or take credit for your accomplishments. Protect your assets. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A change someone makes will surprise you. Don't get flustered or react in haste. Monitor the situation, and you'll develop a plan that will get you back on track and in a winning position. Actions speak louder than words. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Don't agree to something without knowing the details and your responsibilities. Ask questions and be forthright regarding what's possible. A change someone makes will have an emotional impact. Embrace the future wholeheartedly, and unexpected benefits will come your way. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Push for what you want. Go over the financial aspects involved, and adjust your budget to fit what you want to achieve. Don't let personal comments upset you. Learn from the suggestions or criticisms offered; you'll come out ahead. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Stabilize your domestic situation before it becomes troublesome. Be willing to compromise and lay down some rules to help everyone get along better. Whether it's a friend, neighbor or relative who's being difficult, do your best to keep the peace. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* You'll meet with opposition if you aren't honest about your feelings or what you want to pursue. Do your best to put others at ease and include loved ones in your plans. Self-improvement will build confidence and stability. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* You'll be sitting in a good position if you pick up skills that help you pursue new interests. Let your creative imagination be your guide. You'll come up with a plan that will be difficult for anyone to dismiss. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Stick close to home and tidy up anything you left unfinished. A clean slate will encourage freedom of thought; start something new and exciting. Believe in yourself, and you'll gain momentum and financial rewards. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Emotions will surface if sensitive issues come into a conversation with a friend, relative or peer. Before you make a decision, consider what's involved and any consequences you may face. Don't feel obligated to participate in something that doesn't fit your plans. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are informative, disciplined and intuitive. You are bold and helpful.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Miami beats Boston 109-103 for 2-1 series lead

BOSTON (AP)—Still angry over a blowout loss in Miami that cost them home-court advantage in the Eastern Conference finals, the Heat jumped to a 25-point, first-half lead over the Boston Celtics in Game 3.

Then Bam Adebayo made sure it was enough—just barely—to give Miami a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Heat center scored 31 points with 10 rebounds, filling a void left by injured All-Star Jimmy Butler and leading Miami to a 109-103 victory Saturday night. Adebayo also had six assists and four of the Heat's franchise postseason record 19 steals.

"He did his version of what Jimmy does: 'Do what's necessary for the game,'" Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Tonight we needed the scoring and we needed that offensive punch early on.

"Then, when Jimmy was out in the second half, he just stabilized us," Spoelstra added. "It got a little gnarly out there and when it did, we were able to get the ball to Bam and just get something coherent."

AP

Miami Heat's Bam Adebayo (13) celebrates after scoring against the Boston Celtics during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference finals Saturday, May 21, 2022, in Boston.

The Celtics never led, but they cut a 62-37 deficit to one point, 93-92, with 2:40 to play on a 3-pointer from Jaylen Brown, who finished with 40 points. Max Strus answered with a 3 and then Adebayo bounced off defender Al Horford and made a basket at the shot clock buzzer to give Miami a six-point cushion.

The Celtics never came any closer.

Game 4 is Monday night in Boston.

"In the previous game, as everybody noticed, they beat us like we stole something," Adebayo said. "That should wake everybody up. Getting beat at home like that, that says it all."

In a bruising game that saw Butler and Boston's Jayson Tatum and Marcus Smart leave with injuries — though both Celtics returned — Kyle Lowry came back from a four-game absence and scored 11 with six assists for the Heat. P.J. Tucker — like Lowry, a game-time decision — scored 17 for Miami.

Horford scored 20 points with 14 rebounds, and Smart scored 16. Tatum had 10 points on 3-for-14 shooting; he also had six turnovers, and Brown committed seven of Boston's 2022 playoff-high 24 turnovers.

"Six turnovers, and no field goals in the second half – that is unacceptable," Tatum said. "Honestly, I've got to play better. I feel like I left the guys hanging tonight. That's on me."

After losing Game 2 at home by 25 points, the Heat opened a 62-37 lead with under three minutes left in the second quarter. Then Boston scored the last 10 points of the half to claw its way back into the game.

Things got worse for the Heat when they announced at halftime that Butler, who scored 41 in the series opener, would not return with right knee inflammation.

Miami still led by 15, 87-72, after three, and made it a 17-point game on Adebayo's basket to start the fourth. But the Celtics ran off the next nine points to get within single digits for the first time since the first three minutes of the game. Trailing 93-80, the Celtics scored 12 straight points – 10 by Brown – to make it a one-point game with 2:40 left.

Miami scored the next seven points.

"We didn't think that it was all of a sudden going to be an easy series and they were going to roll over," Boston coach Ime Udoka said. "We bounced back from Game 1 to Game 2, and they were going to do the same that and we had to match that and came out flat for whatever reason."

Boston opened the second with a basket to make it a 13-point game, but the building went silent when Smart, the Defensive Player of the Year, went down in a collision with Lowry while going for a loose ball and needed to be helped to the locker room.

Smart returned just five minutes later, drawing a huge cheer when the scoreboard showed him walking down the tunnel back toward the court. He checked back in with seven minutes left in the third and hit a 3-pointer that made it a 10-point game, 72-62, and forced the Heat to call timeout.

The situation was repeated when Tatum went down in obvious pain with five minutes left in the fourth. He went straight to the locker room, clutching his right side, but also returned to the cheers of the crowd.

"My neck got caught in a weird position," Tatum said. "Obviously, I went down and felt some pain and discomfort in my neck and down my arm. I went to the back, got it checked on, and started to gain some feeling back and got it checked by the doctors and ran some tests and decided to give it a go."

Lowry missed eight of the Heat's previous 10 games with a right hamstring strain, last playing in Game 4 of Miami's second-round series with Philadelphia. Tucker had a sore left knee but was also in the starting lineup.

"I do not have any updates on anybody," Spoelstra said. "We're just going to go back to our cave and just regroup and maybe I'll have some information for you tomorrow."

The Celtics played without center Robert Williams III, who missed three games in the second round against Milwaukee with soreness and a bone bruise in his surgically repaired left knee. Daniel Theis started in his place. Derrick White returned after missing Game 2 to be at the birth of his first child.

New league for prep standouts sends 2 players to NBA combine

By PAT GRAHAM
AP SPORTS WRITER

They took a chance on each other: The teenage power forward from New Jersey on the start-up league. The start-up league on the young player with immense talent.

Dominick Barlow received on-the-job training — and a six-figure salary — to skip college and join Overtime Elite, a new basketball league created to give high school players another path to the pros. He learned about nutrition, social-media skills and financial literacy as he immersed himself in hoops.

He has parlayed his time with OTE into an invitation to the NBA draft combine this week in Chicago.

For the league, it demonstrates there's room for yet another option beyond the conventional route through the college ranks, the NBA's G League Ignite or playing overseas.

"This just shows how big this industry is," said Jay Bilas, a basketball analyst for ESPN. "There's not just one way to be successful and have a productive and long career."

There were almost as many OTE players (Barlow and guard Jean Montero) invited to the combine as from Kansas, the NCAA champion (Ochai Agbaji, Christian Braun, Jalen Wilson).

Over the next few days, they will participate in games, drills and go through interviews. It's a chance to possibly move up a team's draft board. Montero and Barlow are both currently forecast as second-round picks (although, some mock drafts have Montero going late in the first).

Coming out of high school, Barlow wasn't a five-star recruit. He had suitors — DePaul, Illinois and Florida among them, according to Rivals.com — but elected to go with the league that guarantees at least $100,000, along with shares in the company (Overtime) and other revenue streams through sales of custom jerseys, trading cards, video games, and NFTs.

Barlow learned about nutrition and simple lessons like how to balance his plate after a heavy workout. He took a course on media training and on expanding his brand on social media. He also worked with the assistant coaches in practice sessions and was supervised by head coach Kevin Ollie, who guided Connecticut to a national title in 2014.

The 26 players who formed the inaugural OTE class were divided into three teams and played a full schedule against prep schools and each other. The 6-foot-9 Barlow was on Team Overtime, along with Montero, where he averaged 14.8 points. Barlow shot 58.5% from mid-range and 33.9% from 3-point land.

Oftentimes, in front of scouts. Throughout the year, more than 300 pro scouts passed through the complex.

"This put him in position probably much faster than anybody would have imagined," said Brandon Williams, the head of basketball operations at OTE who had stops in the NBA with Golden State, San Antonio and Atlanta. "Much like a flower, you need the proper nutrients to blossom. That's what we were able to do here."

One major thing college basketball does have: Exposure. The television deals and the NCAA Tournament provide a powerful draw even for players who only plan to stick around for one season. There's also burgeoning name, image and likeness opportunities.

"Most basketball fans have no idea who the G League players are until they get drafted. Same thing with Overtime Elite," Bilas said. "The college players you know — Ja Morant or Zion Williamson or whoever. But you can really improve — improve your skill set and your game in the G league or Overtime Elite."

Barlow is attempting to make an even bigger name for himself at the combine. Other players invited include Auburn's Jabari Smith, Duke's Paolo Banchero and Gonzaga's Chet Holmgren — all of whom could be taken No. 1 overall by Orlando. Jaden Hardy is among several players from the NBA G League Ignite, a team based in the San Francisco area that's dedicated to developing top young prospects.

"I do understand that going into the combine, there are some older guys who may be a little bit more physically developed than we are just because we're so young," said Barlow, who would be eligible to return to OTE if he's not drafted. "But I think we're some of the most talented young basketball players in the world."

Barlow has helped set the foundation for what could be big things ahead. In next year's NBA draft, OTE players such as twins Ausar and Amen Thompson are projected to be lottery picks.

"We don't have the history of some of the blueblood schools," Williams said. "We have to embrace that difference. There's this revolutionary group that embraced it as well, that wants to play where it matters. They want to line up against the best talent. You get charged up when you know that you've got to fight."

Story's Monster slam lands in former Red Sox player's hands

BOSTON (AP)—Trevor Story hit a grand slam over the Green Monster — and into the hands of a former Red Sox player — a night after hitting three over Fenway Park's fabled left field wall, leading Boston to a 7-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Friday night.

Story connected on a thigh-high 1-2 slider off Robbie Ray (4-4), driving it into the first row of seats to give Boston a 4-0 lead in the third inning. Former Red Sox outfielder Jonny Gomes, a member of Boston's 2013 World Series champions, was seated atop the Monster. He moved a few steps to his right and caught Story's slam against his body, high-fiving the person next to him with a big smile.

Jackie Bradley Jr. added a three-run shot for the Red Sox, who won for the seventh time in 10 games following a season-high five-game losing streak.

Austin Davis (1-1) relieved starter Michael Wacha with two on and two outs in the fifth, striking out J.P. Crawford before working a perfect sixth for the victory.

Abraham Toro hit a two-run homer for the Mariners, who have dropped four of five.

AP

Boston Red Sox's Trevor Story celebrates his grand slam against the Seattle Mariners during the third inning of a baseball game Friday, May 20, 2022, in Boston.

Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 6

In Chicago, Josh Rojas launched his first three long-balls of the season and Arizona powered past Chicago in a game of home run derby at Wrigley Field.

With a strong wind blowing out on a warm day, the teams combined to clear the walls 11 times — the Diamondbacks connected seven times. David Peralta went deep twice and Alek Thomas and Christian Walker added solo shots as the Diamondbacks won their second straight after a six-game slide. Humberto Castellanos (3-1) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings for the win.

Rojas posted his first three-homer game and third career multi-homer effort. After a flyout in the first inning, he hit a solo homer in the third, a two-run drive in the fifth and another solo home run in the seventh.

Braves 5, Marlins 3

In Miami, Ronald Acuña Jr. led off the game with a deep double and later singled and stole a base as Atlanta beat Miami in the Braves slugger's first game at the stadium where he sustained a season-ending knee injury last year.

Acuña didn't play in the World Series after tearing his knee in a game at Miami on July 10. Because of the synthetic surface at loanDepot Park, the star outfielder is scheduled to be the designated hitter during the weekend series.

Marcell Ozuna homered for the third consecutive game, while Dansby Swanson and Travis d'Arnaud also went deep for the Braves. Charlie Morton (3-3) pitched 5 1/3 innings of three-run ball. Will Smith threw a scoreless ninth for his second save.

Jorge Soler hit his eighth homer for Miami. It was his first against Atlanta since he was the MVP of the World Series for the champion Braves last season.

Rangers 3, Astros 0

In Houston, Martín Pérez pitched his first shutout since 2014, scattering seven singles as Texas ended Houston's nine-game home winning streak.

It was the first complete-game shutout for Texas since Kyle Gibson beat the Astros 1-0 on Sept. 16, 2020.

Pérez (3-2) struck out five, walked one and threw 108 pitches. The 31-year-old lefty won his third straight start and has a 1.64 ERA in eight outings this season. Pérez last threw a shutout on April 23, 2014, against Oakland.

Kole Calhoun homered for the Rangers, who snapped an 11-game losing streak to the Astros in Houston. They won for the first time at Minute Maid Park since Sept. 16, 2020.

Dodgers 4, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Freddie Freeman singled three times and drove in two runs, Julio Urías pitched five shutout innings and Los Angeles beat Philadelphia for its sixth straight victory.

Trea Turner doubled and had an RBI for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who opened a 10-day, 10-game road trip.

Urías (3-3) gave up two hits and struck out five with no walks. Craig Kimbrel got one out for his eighth save in as many tries.

The Phillies continued to struggle without slugger Bryce Harper, who missed his fifth straight game after having a platelet-rich plasma injection in his injured right elbow on Sunday. Philadelphia lost for the fourth time in the last five and avoided its third shutout defeat over that stretch when J.T. Realmuto hit an RBI double with two outs in the ninth.

Blue Jays 2, Reds 1

In Toronto, Hyun Jin Ryu pitched six shutout innings to earn his first victory of the season, and Toronto held Cincinnati star Joey Votto in check in his return from COVID-19.

Making his fourth start of the season and his second after being activated off the injured list because of a sore forearm, Ryu (1-0) allowed six hits, including five doubles, walked none and struck out three. Jordan Romano got three outs for his 13th save in 15 chances as Toronto improved to 11-6 in one-run games. The Blue Jays are 21-18 overall.

Playing a series in his Canadian hometown for the fourth time, and the first since 2017, Votto went 1 for 4 with a double. He was activated off the COVID-19 injured list before the game. He last played in the majors on May 1.

Guardians 6, Tigers 1

In Cleveland, José Ramírez hit a three-run homer and tripled a day after avoiding a serious injury when he fouled a ball off his leg, and Cleveland defeated Detroit.

Both teams were without their managers for the series opener. Detroit's A.J. Hinch wasn't feeling well, though he tested negative for COVID-19. Bench coach George Lombard managed the team. Cleveland's Terry Francona missed the game to have a minor surgical procedure and was expected back Saturday. Bench coach DeMarlo Hale filled in.

Ramirez's three-run homer off reliever Jacob Barnes (3-1) in the sixth gave Cleveland a 4-0 lead. Barnes was in the game because of yet another injury to a Detroit starting pitcher. Tarik Skubal extended his scoreless innings streak to 19, but left the game after being struck on the leg by a line drive after pitching five scoreless innings.

Brewers 7, Nationals 0

In Milwaukee, Eric Lauer pitched seven sharp innings and Rowdy Tellez and Tyrone Taylor homered as Milwaukee defeated Washington.

The Nationals didn't score, but they did provide a couple of highlights as they unsuccessfully attempted an inside-the-park homer in the top of the seventh and executed a triple play in the bottom of the inning. It was the Nationals' first triple play since July 30, 2016, at San Francisco.

Lauer (4-1) and Nationals starter Erick Fedde (2-3) each had a shutout going when Luis Urías drew a lead-off walk in the bottom of the sixth. After Christian Yelich hit into a fielder's choice, Tellez hit Fedde's next pitch into the second deck beyond the right-field wall.

Lauer struck out five and allowed five hits and no walks. Fedde gave up the two runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Cardinals 5, Pirates 3

In Pittsburg, Adam Wainwright pitched seven innings of one-run ball to extend his domination of Pittsburgh, and battery-mate Yadier Molina keyed a four-run sixth inning with a two-run single as St. Louis beat the Pirates.

Wainwright has won 10 straight decisions against the Pirates and gone 19 starts since last losing to Pittsburgh in 2016, on opening day. He scattered four hits, walked three and struck out three to improve his career record to 23-7 vs. Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals scored a run on a fielder's choice in the first inning, and broke it open in the sixth, extending their lead to 5-0. Molina's single with the bases loaded was sandwiched between RBI singles by Dylan Carlson and Harrison Bader.

Michael Chavis hit a solo home run in the seventh to end Wainwright's 38 1/3-inning scoreless streak against the Pirates. Bryan Reynolds had an RBI single and Yoshi Tsutsugo added a run-producing grounder.

Orioles 8, Rays 6, 13 innings

In Baltimore, Rougned Odor hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning and Baltimore snapped a 15-game losing streak to Tampa Bay.

The Orioles' last win over Tampa Bay was on July 19 at Tropicana Field, and Baltimore hadn't beaten the Rays at home since Sept. 20, 2020. The 15-game run had been the longest active winning streak over a single opponent in the majors.

The Rays appeared to take the lead in the 13th against Nick Vespi (1-0) on a single by Kevin Kiermaier, but Wander Franco was ruled out at the plate on a throw by left fielder Austin Hays after a review.

In the bottom half, Ramon Urias had a sacrifice bunt before Odor pounded a 1-1 pitch from Ralph Garza (0-1) to the flag court in right field.

The Rays took leads in the 10th and 11th innings, only to see the Orioles tie it again.

Twins 6, Royals 4

In Kansas City, Mo., Kyle Garlick and Jose Miranda each drove in two runs, leading Devin Smeltzer and Minnesota past Kansas City.

Garlick put Minnesota on the scoreboard with an RBI single in a three-run first inning and added a sacrifice fly in the second. He was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the fourth. Miranda had two hits, including a two-run double with two outs in the eighth that made it 6-3.

Smeltzer (1-0) allowed one run and five hits over 5 1/3 innings, throwing 74 pitches in his second major league start this season. He walked one and did not record a strikeout. Jhoan Duran worked 1 2/3 hitless innings to set up Emilio Pagán for his sixth save. Pagán gave up three hits in the ninth, including Emmanuel Rivera's solo homer.

Carlos Santana also had a solo shot for the Royals. Starter Daniel Lynch (2-3) gave up four runs and five hits in 3 2/3 innings.

Padres 8, Giants 7, 10 innings

In San Francisco, Manny Machado hit a tiebreaking double in the 10th inning and San Diego won in manager Bob Melvin's return less than two weeks after undergoing prostate surgery May 11.

Jake Cronenworth homered, Wil Myers doubled in two late runs and the Padres recovered after blowing leads of 4-1 and 6-4. Machado finished with three hits, raising his batting average to .359.

Darin Ruf homered twice for San Francisco, which has lost four of six.

After the Giants tied it on Wilmer Flores' two-run single off Luis García (2-2) with two outs in the ninth, Machado drove a slider on the outside of the plate from Camilo Doval (0-2) deep into center field to drive in Cronenworth. Two batters later, Jurickson Profar — who was booed throughout the game after getting into an exchange with fans in the third inning — hit an RBI single that appeared to ricochet off Doval's foot, scoring Machado.

Athletics 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Calif., Seth Brown hit a go-ahead home run in the fifth inning and Oakland topped skidding Los Angeles.

After Jed Lowrie walked with one out, Brown drove a fastball from Chase Silseth (1-1) down the right-field line to give the A's a 3-2 lead. The outfielder began the night batting .186 but is 5 for 12 over the last four games after starting the month with a 4-for-39 slump.

Lowrie also went deep and scored two runs for Oakland, which had dropped four of five. Sam Moll (1-0) got the win and Dany Jimenez picked up his eighth save.

Anthony Rendon had two hits and drove in a run for the Angels, who have lost a season-high four straight games.

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C. Ada Gymnasium.

"Nevertheless we're doing everything in our power to make sure that we deliver at least the minimum [requirements for badminton]. The air-conditioning is installed and ready to be energized. We just need to get the right voltage and transformers there and the general repair within the gym. We need to remove all the basketball gyms and the posts as well."

For baseball, Babauta said they're on target as the Francisco "Tan'Ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field is 95% done.

"It's being manicured as you can see yourself. The perimeter fence is also completed. The press box is finishing as they've start running the fiber optic cable thanks to IT&E. The dugout is quite easy and they're erecting the poles now. The lights are 80% complete there's just 1 or 2 more poles left. The scoreboard is on the way and it's arriving on May 27 and will install it right away upon arrival."

He said the resurfacing of the American Memorial Park tennis courts is ongoing and is expected to be completed by May 27. For the meantime, national tennis players' training have been moved to the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts in San Antonio.

"About 85% of the beach volleyball venue is complete. Just a little bit of the area there that [sand] needs to be sifted and reposition the volleyball net poles based on the last dry run."

Babauta added that Tinian is also excited to host the consolation games for beach volleyball and that they've relocated the site to Tachogna Beach instead of Jones Beach because there's more space for spectators and more sand on the former.

Thankfully, he said, vandals have stopped stealing the anchors needed to float the competition lanes for the Mini Games' outrigger competition.

"*Va'a* is ready as we got all the main anchors in. We did a dry run last weekend and it's pretty cool. We were missing 3 or 4 anchors but we reordered and thanks to Fishguyz Scuba & Charter we've replaced them. It's additional cost to us but it is what it is. Hopefully nobody out there tampers again with our anchors so we could complete our huge event in *va'a*."

For golf, Babauta said Coral Ocean Point has been ready obviously for months now and ready to host the region's best par-busters

Like the people of Tinian, the island of Rota is also ready to welcome triathletes for the Mini Games.

"Rota is pretty much set and they're quite excited in welcoming athletes for the triathlon event there," said Babauta.

For weightlifting, the MGOC CEO said the Marianas High School Gymnasium will once again have temperature control after its air-conditioning units were knocked off by successive typhoons.

"As we speak MHS is being airconditioned again. It's a temporary unit thanks to Chong's Corp. which managed to install two 30-ton refurbished units."

MARK RABAGO

Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta said the Francisco "Tan'ko" M. Palacios Baseball Field is 95% finished. Photo shows construction workers working on the venue's press box.

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ers, K-2 Ballers dominated the first half and immediately erected a double-digit lead. Hulking 6'2" center Garret Mariano also asserted himself inside with the 6'3" Satur sidelined and as a result, K-2 Ballers entered halftime with a 27-14 spread.

The top-seeded team extended their advantage come the start of the second half as the usual suspects—Mamis and Mariano—now joined by Darren Pangelinan wrought havoc on Young Doom's defenses.

Point guard Jay Art Palmes orchestrated beautifully again for K-2 Ballers but also scored when he's open. His floater with 6:42 to go made it 43-28 and in the next play he drove before handing it off to Mariano to extend their lead to 17 points.

K-2 Ballers would enjoy their largest advantage at 49-33 with less than 4 minutes to go in the ballgame. Young Doom still won't give up though and a 3 by women's national player Angel Roligat trimmed it to 16 points time down to 3:50 in the contest.

National players Leo Naraja and Kyu Aldan tried their best to rally their team in the last two minutes, but the deficit proved too much and time eventually ran out for Young Doom.

Mariano led all scorers with 12 points. He was backstopped by the 10 points apiece of Mamis and Pangelinan. Young Doom was paced by the 14 points of Naraja and the 13 points of Aldan.

After the game, coach Pangelinan congratulated his team for keeping their focus the entire tournament en route to the undefeated run in the competition that was organized by Precinct 5 Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan) and Richard Lizama (D-Saipan).

"They adapted really quick. Not much was needed [in terms of coaching] as everyone was in the right mentality to push forward to not even have a second game. So right now we're undefeated and pennant champs. Shout out to the boys that they adapted to everything even though we're shorthanded as we're playing more minutes than usual. I'm surprised about their pride and their hustle, which is what Kagman is known for."

Although he didn't coach them in the Inaugural Agape Anniversary Youth Basketball Tournament that was held a couple of weeks back, Pangelinan acknowledged that his players learned a lot from their third place finish in that competition.

"They were only seven and played against a full bench and finished third place. They're still holding somewhat of grudge [for losing] and they somehow had a chance to beat somewhat of the same team with their finals opponents having three national players in their roster (including two women's nationals in Roligat and Destiny Pangelinan]."

All in all, the K-2 Ballers coach said that winning a tournament in Kagman is always the sweetest thing.

"Defending home turf is something big for us. We can't just leave it as it as we need to provide defense. Defense wins games and we need to have good offense as well. This is actually something new as we never really had [youth basketball] here since Rotary way, way back. At least basketball is getting known again and we do have a lot of courts here including a baseball field so it's not just about basketball in Kagman," he added.

K-2 Ballers advanced to the finals following a 45-40 escape of Homies, while Young Doom booked its championship berth following a 37-33 nipping of Utu Bangers.

In the awards ceremony immediately following the finals, Staffler thanked Joeten Enterprises, PHI Pharmacy, McDonald's of Guam and Saipan, and Mariana's Fast Food, Inc. for their generous donations of gift certificates and other in-kind items for the tournament.

Mariano was also adjudged the finals MVP and best scorer of the tourney, while teammate Kaipo Dikito was named the top 3-point marksman.

K-2 Ballers 55 – Mariano 12, Mamis 10, Pangelinan 10, Satur 8, Palmes 6, Dikito 6, Gonzales 3.

Young Doom 37 – Naraja 14, Aldan 13, Padayao 6, Roligat 3, Pangelinan 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-14, 55-37.

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to support somebody that's doing so much not just for our island, but for the whole Pacific region and bringing everybody together… We're proud to be gold sponsors for your event," said Barnes.

Peter thanked Atkins Kroll and said "on behalf of our community, we thank you very much for your support… I want to thank you again, for this great contribution whether it's $55,000 or $1,500… We're well within the budget, but then there's a few more projects that we need to accomplish outside of our budget. So this would really help us to expedite everything that needs to be done for us to deliver the Games."

In a separate interview, Barnes said with Atkins Kroll Saipan celebrating its 55th year, they will continue to give back to the community in many different ways such as Halloween events, sponsoring bus stops, beach cleanups, and other ways to stay active in the community. Recently, the auto-dealership hosted a free drive-thru Easter event also in celebration of their anniversary.

At the Bank of Guam donation in their Garapan branch last Friday, Peter wasn't present so Babauta thanked BOG on his and the committee's behalf.

"That amount obviously will take us a long way as a host. We are responsible for the accommodation, transportation, and catered meals. So, it's gonna go a long way for our visiting athletes and also our national team and Bank of Guam will be definitely be recognized as our silver sponsor, and big si yu'us ma'ase and aloomway from the team. Thank you so much."

Marcie M. Tomokane, BOG CNMI regional manager, said "BOG is always sponsoring events in the CNMI—the community that we serve. We are so privileged to do this especially when it comes to sports. We're happy to help, especially to bring together all the countries from different places in the Pacific, for sports. We do support a lot in our community."

LEIGH GASES

Bank of Guam management hands over a check worth $25,000 to Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta while other members of the organizing committee look on last Friday at the BOG branch in Garapan.

LEIGH GASES

Mini Games Organizing Committee chair Marco Peter holds the $55,000 check turned over by Atkins Kroll general manager Joel Lesh. The two are joined in the photo by MGOC CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta and the rest of the Atkins Kroll sales team.

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Pacific Mini Games preparations 'going down the wire'

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Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta said except for the hammer cage, the Oleai track and field is essentially done and ready to host the athletics event of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022.

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With exactly 24 days to go before the opening of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022, the CNMI is rushing to complete the competition sites for all nine sports that will be held for the quadrennial event.

"Quite exciting as according to our Pacific Games Council CEO Andrew Minogue 'we're pretty much ahead compared to other Games deliveries [in the past]. With 27 days away it looks like it's going to be down to the wire. We will deliver by June 1st everything will be set and done and will start installing our logistics—our container offices, our huge tent for the medic, and also our broadcasting," said Mini Games Organizing Committee CEO Vicente "Ben" Babauta.

Babauta then proceeded to do a rundown of what level of readiness the sports venues are currently in, starting with athletics.

"The track itself is completed. The hammer cage foundation is done and we're just waiting for the curing and then erect the cage. That should be done in the next couple of days and that completes the track and field."

He admitted that the MGOC is still chasing some general repairs on the badminton venue at the Gilbert

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K-2 Ballers wins Hoops and Vibes tourney

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K-2 Ballers protected homecourt by winning the Precinct 5 Hoops and Vibes Basketball Tournament at the expense of Young Doom, 55-37, Saturday night at the Kagman Community Center basketball court.

The boys of coach Tom Pangelinan only needed to win Game 1 to annex the championship outright after going undefeated the entire tournament. Despite having only 30 minutes to rest following their semifinals win, K-2 Ballers jumped the gun against Young Doom, who were missing center Frankie Satur.

With Gerald Mamis connecting on two early 3-point-

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K-2 Ballers point guard Jay Art Palmes goes up for a floater while Young Doom forward Leo Naraja looks on during their finals match in the Precinct 5 Hoops and Vibes Basketball Tournament held Saturday night at the Kagman Community Center basketball court.

MARK RABAGO

K-2 Ballers players and coach Tom Pangelinan pose with their plaques and trophies after topping the championship game of the Precinct 5 Hoops and Vibes Basketball Tournament held Saturday night at the Kagman Community Center basketball court.

AK, BOG are latest sponsors of Mini Games

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Last Thursday, Atkins Kroll Saipan turned over a check worth $55,000 that made them a gold sponsor for the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022. Then a day later on Friday, Bank of Guam donated $25,000 making them a silver sponsor for the quadrennial event the CNMI will be hosting for the first time ever from June 17 to 25 this year.

Present at the Atkins Kroll showroom during the presentation were Mini Games Organizing Committee chair Marco Peter and CEO Vicente "Ben Babauta as well as Atkins Kroll general manager Joel Lesh and sales manager Kevin Barnes.

"We're very honored to be able to support. It's our 55th year in the community. It's our 55th anniversary. What better way for us to be able to give back than

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